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Radical shake-up of taxes to be law by 1987

● The Government plans to legislate for transferable tax allowances for married couples before the next general election.

● Mr Francis Pym said the budget was inadequate. Mr Roy Hattersley said it showed a callous disregard for the poor.

● The Manpower Services Commission will meet next week to plan the expansion in the Youth Training Scheme and Community Programme. Page 2

● The High Street banks cut their base rate from 14 to 13.5 per cent, but mortgage rates will almost certainly rise today.

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

The Government intends to legislate for a big restructuring of the system of personal taxation before the next general election.

The Green Paper, promised by the Chancellor in Tuesday's Budget, will consider several radical options, such as the integration of the system of income tax and social security benefits and the fusion of tax and national insurance but does not incde the possibility of local income tax in place of rates. It is likely to be published before the autumn, with legislation planned for 1987.

The Green Paper will focus on the Chancellor's top priority for reform – the introduction of a "single transferable tax allowance" in place of the present collection of separate allowances for single people, married men and working wives.

Under the new scheme, everyone will be credited with the same allowance against income tax, which can be transferred between wife and husband if either is not earning. This would sharply improve the position of the married cple with a non-working wife.

The single transferable allowance will impose a new burden on the Inland Revenue, which the Chancellor has accepted will be impossible to cope with before the introduction of a new computers system. It appears that Mr Nigel Lawson made strenuous efforts to devise a short-cut towards this reform, which he supports strongly, but was unable to overcome the administrative difficulties.

Meanwhile, further changes in national insurance, extending the reduced rates introduced on Tuesday, are on the cards for subsequent years.

But although complete fusion of income tax and national insurance will be considered in the Green Paper, the Chancellor is understood to be lukewarm; partly because the Prime Minister is attached to the idea of "contributory" social benefits and partly because cuts in national insurance rates are more cost-effective ways of helping the lowest paid than adjustments to the present income tax system.

Official sources suggest that th Chancellor's source for tax cuts – reduced to £730 million from the £2 billion estimated last year – was considerably affected by the miners' strike. The "Scargill surcharge" discussed earlier in the year has emerged as higher levels of income tax than would have other wise have been the case.

The turbulence in the foreign exchange markets is emerging as further excuse why the Chancellor is reluctant to join the European Monetary System of fixed exchange rates. The official view appears to be that membership would not be suitable until the markets had calmed down, and even then it appears that the Treasury prefers to "shadow" the European currencies from outside the EMS.

It is becoming plain that the Chancellor was reluctant to abandon his plan to tackle the "anomalies" in the pension system by taxing lump sums, but was forced to concede to political pressure. He has also ruled out virtually all changes in the coverage of VAT before the next General Election, in order to avoid a repeat of this year's future from an army of pressure groups.

The Treasury went through the possibilities with a fine-tooth comb, but came to the conclusion that those changes which were not ruled out by public pledges would not be worth the political row.

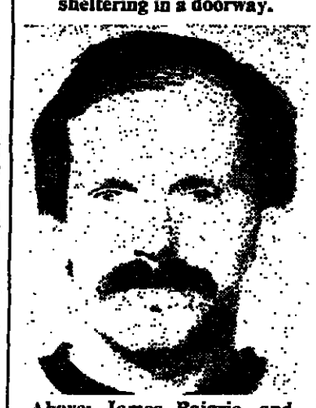
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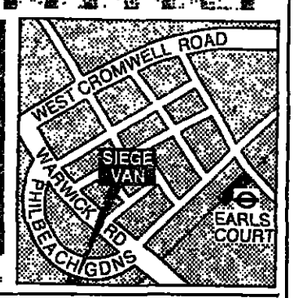
Armed police on the roof and sheltering in a doorway.





Above: James Baigrie, and, below, the white van to which he fled.





Threat to post nears as talks deadlock

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

The threat of industrial action in the postal service moved a step closer last night after talks between management and union officials on the introduction of large numbers of parttime workers ended in deadlock.

The Post Office has said that it will impose changes in staffing arrangements and working practices next month over the heads of the Union of Communication Workers (UCW) and the union has said that it would rerspond by calling action to disrupt postal services.

Both sides at yesterday's talks modified their negotiating positions to allow what the management described as the "crucial" issue of parttime working to be split away from talks on other changes, including the use of new technology and productivity improvements.

Meetings on the other issues are to be held over the next few days but the management and union were entrenched on the main issue. The Post Office said after last night's talks ended: "The Post Office is firmly resolved to introduce the vital changes required".

The current agreement with the union allows the management to regularly use 8,500 parttimers which the Post Office wants to increase to 20,000, mainly on evening work, as a means of cutting down on overtime. A special union conference two weeks ago instructed the UCW officials not to agree to any increase in the number of parttime workers.

To get negotiations reopened yesterday the union agreed to drop its insistence that it would not discuss the other changes without agreement from the Post Office to withdraw the parttime working proposals. In turn, the management conceded that it would no longer demand discussions on all the changes as a single package.

Although the decision to hold more talks was seen as a slightly hopeful sign, Post Office officials were last night emphasizing that there could be no movement on the central issue. The deadline for union agreement expires early next month.

The Post Office has put before the union a business efficiency package which includes bringing all 120,000 postal staff on to a national productivity scheme, introduction of more mechanization, and the extension of an experimental scheme, using new technology to "read" letter addresses.

UCW officials argued that the use of parttime workers was the first step toward reducing employment and it is also thought that there is hostility to the plan in sorting offices because of the impact it could have on overtime earnings.

Pym's harsh judgement

Sorrow and scorn for Lawson

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Harsh judgements were passed in the Commons yesterday on the Government's economic strategy by foe and ostensible friend when the Budget debate was resumed.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's shadow Chancellor, said the Budget prove the Government's callous disregard for the poor. Mr Francis Pym, a member of the Cabinet until the 1983 general election, said sorrowfully that the Budget was not wrong but neither was it adequate.

Both men considered that By Mr Nigel Lawson's own yardstick, as a Budget for jobs, Tuesday's offering would prove a failure.

Mr Hattersley scorned the talk of tax cuts. On his calculations the total tax burden would have risen by £4,000 million by next year's Budget, making a total increase in taxes of about £26,000 million since 1979 by a government and party which had won two elections on the promise that taxes would be cut.

The increase in mortgage costs alone, which had risen on average by £7.25 a month since Christmas, would nearly eliminate the £7.50 tax reduction which a married couple with one child could expect

Mr Hattersley's prescription was a pension increase of £5 for the single person and £8 for the married couple, with £3 on child benefit, as the best way to alleviate poverty; and substantial public investment as the surest and best way of creating new jobs.

Mr Pym came near to saying that his party had wasted its whole period of office. He questioned "whether we were any nearer an answer to our main economic problems than six year ago?" and answered, "Not much, with the exception of inflation".

For Mr Pym, responsible financial management, however necessary, did not it inself constitute an economic strategy

Defending the Budget, Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said siren voices would always say that more borrowing could be supported, but recent events showed that markets still viewed the coutry's economic performance warily.

Cheaper borrowing will not help societies

Home loan rate up today

By Richard Thomson and David Smith

The high street banks yesterday cut their base rates by half a point, from 14 to 13.5 per cent, the move failed to dent the pound, which gained over a cent in London against a nervous dollar.

The Bank of England signalled to themarkets that the half-point reduction was enough for the time being.

The base rate cut, however, will almost certainly not be enough to prevent an increase in mortgage rates of around one percentage point today.

This would take basic mortgage rates to around 14 per cent. Society deposit rates are likely to rise by around 0.75 per cent, giving an ordinary share rate of 8.25 per cent.

Mr Callum McCaskill, deputy chief general manager of the Halifax, the largest society, said: "Our deposit inflows are poor and inadequate. They need protecting and boosting."

Building society investment rates are currently around two percentage points lower than other interest rates and the societies have been losing deposits to the banks, last week they suffered the biggest ever net outflow of funds in a singele week.

They expect to take in a net £400 million during the whole of March, roughly half the amount they need to fund mortgage demand. Last month they received only £474 million.

The Abbey National is the only large society aruing for a delay in mortgage rate increases. A spokesman said: "We still support a delay, but we do not expect to win. We think a half per cent base rate fall, though not enough, is an encouraging sign."

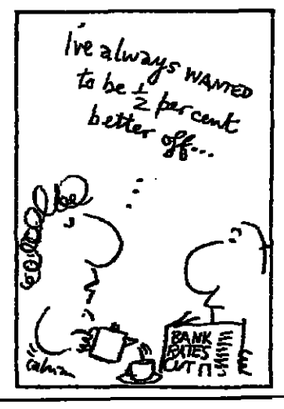
The building societies admit to being embarrased at raising their rates just as base rates are falling. But base rates would have to fall by more than one percentage point to prevent a mortgage rate rise, they say.

Mr Tim Melville-Ross, chief general manager of the Nationwide, said: "There is still no suggestion that the banks area easing off the rates on their higher interest accounts which are milking us dry."

In another volatile day on the foreign exchanges, the smaller-than-expected cut in base rates helped the pound.

The dollar opened very weak, on continued fears about the Ohio savings and loan crisis. The pound rose to $1.1745 in early trading, before a dollar recovery and news of lower base rates pushed it down to $1.1400. Later, the Bank of England's signal and the fact that the base rate cut was smaller than expected helped the pound to $1.1475, up 1.1 cents on the day. The sterling index was unchaged at 74.

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Killer on the run in gun siege

By Rupert Morris

An escaped killer with a sawn-off shotgun was trapped in a van surrounded by armed police in Earl's Court, West London, last night.

James Baigrie, aged 37, escaped from Saughton prison near Edinburgh in October, 1983, while serving a life sentence imposed in July, 1982, for the murder of an Edinburgh barman.

He was traced to a flat in Philbeach Gardens near Earl's Court station yesteday. But when four police officers raided the flat at 6.30 am they were able only to question his flatmate. Baigrie had escaped to the van in the street outside.

Residents near by were evacuated as trained police negotiators tried to persuade the man to give himself up.

Chief Inspector John Timms, of Kensington police, said: "I've told him that he's completely surrounded by armed police, and advised him to come out with his hands up."

Mr Timms said police would sit out the siege "as long as it takes".

After searchlights had been brought in in preparation for an all-night siege, Commander John Perrett, the officer in charge of the operation, said: "We have established a good relationship with the man inside the van. He is suspicious, but he is chatting."

The road was cordoned off and marksmen were watching the van.

Miss Sylvie Nibet a potter, who lives near the flat, said: "I was on my way to work at about 6.30 when there was a lot of shouting in the street. I saw a man, with a red scarf dashing about and I thought he was in trouble, but he turned out to be a police office. They told me to go back into the house.

"From my flat window I could see policemen with protective clothing pointing their guns at a white Transit van".

US choice

Mr William Brock, US trade representative, has been nominated to succeed Mr Raymond Donovan who resigned as Labour Secretary after being indicted on larceny and fraud charges

Whitehall denies Star Wars row

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The Foreign Office last night brushed aside suggestion of a big row between Britain and the United States over the speech on Friday by Sir Geoffrey Howe in which he expressed reservations about the American Strategic Defence Initiative, also known as "Star Wars".

The Foreign Secretary had a 25-minute meeting yesterday with Mr Charles Price, The US Ambassador in London, which had been arranged at the Ambassador's request within the last week. The meeting occurred less than 24 hours after Mr Richard Perle, US Assistant Secretary of Defence, delivered an outspoken public attack on Sir Geoffrey's speech.

Despite this both the Foreign Office and the US Embassy insisted that the meeting between the Foreign Secretary and the Ambassador was a routine one of a series, which occur every two or three months. It was said to have covered a number of topics, including arms control and East-West relations.

A Foreign Office spokesman aid it would have been surprising if there had been no reference at the meeting to Sir Geoffrey's speech, but as far as he was aware, Mr Perle's remarks had not been raised.

It was denied, however, that any reference to the speech was any more than incidental, or that the meeting took place in an atmosphere of crisis or misunderstanding. "There is no misunderstanding. The US State Department spokesman has been quoted as saying that both governments agreed on the need for a research programme. The spokesman did not believe that Sir Geoffrey's remarks implied any major differences over space weapons."

Mr Perle's response to Sir Geoffrey's speech was made at a conference in London on Tuesday. He said: "It was a speech that proved again an old axiom of geometry: that length is no substitute for depth. For in a mere 27 pages he (Sir Geoffrey) succeeded in rewrit-

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NGA faces threat to funds

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Management at the *Express & Star* group in Wolverhampton will today apply for leave to issue a writ of sequestration against the National Graphical Association.

The union, which lost £1 million when its funds were seized in the *Stockport Messenger* dispute, will be accused at the High Court in Birmingham of breaching an injunction that restrained it from disrupting supplies to Precision Colour Printing, a subsidiary.

The dispute concerns "direct input" printing from the advertising department which bypassed work normally done by NGA members.

The National Union of Journalists last night agreed to "put on ice" a deal for direct-inputting from the editorial department of the *Express & Star* after NGA protests to the TUC.

Sabotage not ruled out in Bhopal disaster

Danbury, Connecticut. (Reuter) Sabotage could not be ruled out in the gas leak at the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India, which killed 2,500 people last December, Mr Warren Anderson, the chairman, said

Announcing the company's own investigation he said it was unlikely that the leak's primary cause, water introduced into a storage tank containing a dangerous chemical, was an accident.

Even if sabotage had occurred, a runaway chemical reaction could have been controlled

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MP's travel budget forced up by 'supercars'

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The House of Commons has been forced to budget for a 21 per cent increase in MPs' travelling expenses because of a new mileage rate which provides them with a cash incentive to buy bigger cars.

Supply Estimates published by the Treasury give an estimate of £4,317,000 for MPs' travelling allowances in the financial year from April 6 – an increase of £759,000 on last year's estimate.

New "supercar" rates, passed by 100 votes to 30 in the Commons last July, give MPs 39p a mile up to a limit of 20,000 miles a year, provided they have cars of 2,300cc or more.

MPs themselves make no secret of the fact that many have moved up to bigger cars because of the cash inducement. Members with cars between 1,300cc and 2,300cc get only 25.9p a mile, and there has been keen tea-room discussion of the advantages and economies of trading up.

The 39p a mile rate is to be increased from the start of next month and although official Commons sources argue that the new mileage allowance is not the only reason for the surge in expenses, few MPs will have any doubts on the matter.

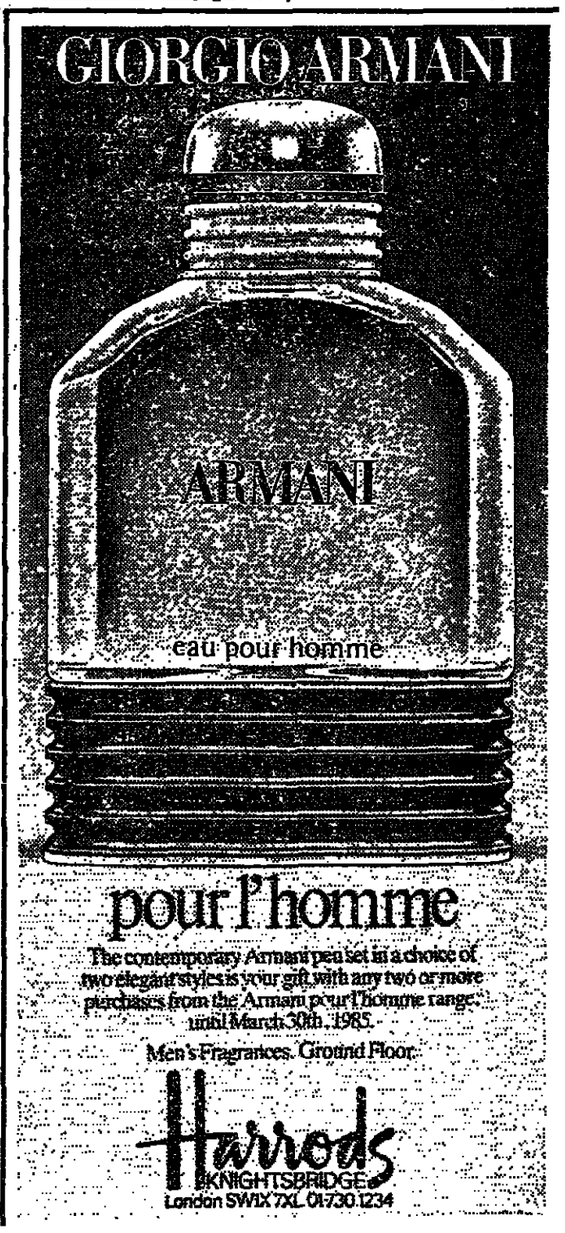
A Commons report on *Motor Mileage Allowance for MPs* said last year: "We would think that in normal circumstances Members would not exceed 25,000 miles a year." Only when MPs claim in excess of 25,000 miles are they required to provide "particulars of the journeys to which the claims relate."

On the current mileage rates an MP can therefore claim nearly £9,000 a year for the cost of motoring on parliamentary and constituency business. The backbench salary is currently £16,904.

The new Supply Estimates report that next year's Commons expenditure, at £33 million, is 5.6 per cent above this year's forecast outturn.

But the Treasury figures show that the overall total for MPs' expenses, which includes secretarial allowances, is going up by 9.6 per cent, when compared with last year's estimate.

The estimates also show a 17 per cent increase in next year's spending on the administration of the House of Commons, "largely due to capital expenditure on a new telephone exchange for the Palace of Westminster." Work on the new exchange is to cost £1,650,000 in the next year.



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Stiffer rules for top Civil Servants who take jobs in industry rejected

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Government refused yesterday to tighten the rules governing top Civil Servants who leave Whitehall to take up highly paid and often sensitive jobs in private industry.

It also rejected the view of an all-party select committee that the traditional independence and impartiality of the Civil Service was in danger of being eroded or compromised by the growing number of "mandarins" leaving Whitehall to join companies involved in their former department's work.

Instead, a government White Paper encourages minimizing the obstacles preventing top Civil Servants from going into the business world and industrialists from working in Whitehall.

The White Paper is the government response to a critical report on the acceptance of outside appointments by Crown servants published last autumn by the Treasury and Civil Service select committee.

After a sharp increase in the number of senior Civil Servants, especially from the Ministry of Defence, who have retired and then taken plum jobs with companies where their Whitehall experience could be valuable, the MPs called for a "significant tightening" of the rules to avoid the possibility of corruption or impropriety.

In particular, it recommended that the maximum delay on senior Civil Servants accepting jobs or needing prior approval, should be extended from two to five years.

But the Government rejects the idea as unjustified and dismisses as unnecessary a recommendation that Civil Servants joining the private sector should abide by a code of conduct.

Instead, the White Paper says: "Many people who retire or resign from the public service, like people who retire or resign from other occupations, have energies, talents and qualifications which can be deployed in other walks of life, with considerable benefit and without there being any question of impropriety.

"So long as any reasonable suspicion of impropriety is avoided, the Government considers that Crown servants should be no less free than others to use their talents and qualifications after retirement from their main careers, when by doing so they can continue to make a contribution to the economic life and well-being of this country."

The Government's response was condemned as a "whitewash" by Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby, who chaired the select committee inquiry.

"It is a Nelsonian reply and turns a blind eye to every problem. It accepts recommendations where we agree with the Government and rejects every proposal we have for improving the system.



Happy duo: Andrei Gavrilov (above, with his fourth wife Natasha), who has been given exceptional permission by Soviet officials to stay in Britain for at least a year to develop his career as a pianist (Colin Hughes writes).

Mr Gavrilov, aged 29, winner of the 1974 Tchaikovsky Prize and deemed by critics to be one of his generation's most brilliant performers, will play his first concert since the decision at the Royal Festival Hall in London tonight.

At rehearsal with the London Symphony Orchestra yesterday he said: "Let's hope it's the beginning of a very good new era".

The Soviet decision to extend his visa and the Home Office's to extend his stay were made on Tuesday, and announced yesterday.

His London agents, Harold Holt, and his recording company, EMI, have started preparing a series of concerts and recordings, which will include European and American tours. (Photograph: Dod Miller)

Atom bomb trials in Britain disclosed

By Pat Healy

The dispute over the possibility of the Scottish town of Wick being a site for Britain's atomic bomb test programme has obscured the fact that at least two small scale trials took place on the British mainland while main tests were conducted in Australia.

A civil defence establishment at Falfield, Gloucestershire, was used for two experiments to discover what happens to radioactive fall-out when it is thrown up into the air again.

The experiments were carried out under the auspices of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell at the same time as similar trials in Australia.

The trials at Falfield paralleled those at Maralinga, South Australia, where Yttrium 91 and natural uranium oxide were used on prepared areas of bare soil, desert grass and on concrete.

At alfield, a brick and plaster dust sample contaminated with radioactive materials was used in two "realistic civil defence bomb site recovery trials".

According to Dr Kenneth Stewart, a radiological hazards expert formerly employed at the Atomic Energy Establishment, results of the tests in England and Australia were difficult to interpret.

He disclosed the fact of the Falfield trials when he was questioned during the London hearings of the Australian Royal Commission investigating the safety of the tests.

Dr Stewart told the commission Britain had been ruled out for trials designed to assess the hazards of fires and explosions involving radioactive materials in the civil and military atomic energy programmes.

He said it would have been difficult to convince "various agencies" the experiment could be carried out safely. Britain was a small island with a large population, and there could be no guarantee that radio-active materials would not get into water supplies. Radioactivity released into the air could travel long distances.

Dr Stewart said: "We would have been hard put to say 'a uranium dose will do you good'".

Whitehall neutrality 'has broken down'

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

The political neutrality of Whitehall's top officials has broken down, a public administration expert said last night.

Lecturing to the Royal Institute of Public Administration, Professor Frederick Ridley, of Liverpool University, an expert on the Civil Service in France and West Germany, said the top posts ought to be recognized as political.

"As politics becomes more polarized, it is harder to accept the comfortable tradition that civil servants can serve whatever kind may rule and remain honourable men."

Professor Ridley suggested that there should be a dividing line between the top, political, posts filled by officials selected on the basis of their views and lower managerial jobs filled by permanent officials.

Professor Ridley said statements made by and on behalf of Mr Clive Ponting made Civil Servants sound like Sir Thomas More, who had said that his duty to God took a higher place than his obedience to the King.

In reply, the professor added, the Whitehall establishment had said all Civil Servants should be like the Vicar of Bray, who kept his job no matter which king ruled, shifting allegiance without a thought for conscience.

Budget reaction

Tax threat to journals feared

Publishers and advertising agencies yesterday predicted that many publications, especially small weekly newspapers and specialist periodicals, will be driven out of business by the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget decision to impose 15 per cent VAT on advertising.

The move particularly affects advertising in two categories: financial institutions such as banks, building societies, and insurance companies, which are VAT exempt, and personal advertisers using classified columns.

According to the Advertising Association, financial sector advertising makes up £200 million a year of publishers' revenue across the board, and classified advertisements bring in £800 million.

Surveys carried out by accountants for both the Periodical Publisher's Association and the regional publishers Newspaper Society earlier this year reported that almost all publishers will increase their rates to cover the tax.

They also found that most of the VAT exempt companies affected would simply cut their volume of advertising by the same 15 per cent, which in the financial sector alone would mean publishers losing around £30 million a year.

Most other firms can recover the extra cost by reclaiming the tax, because they are VAT registered, but individuals, the self-employed, and small companies with less than £19.5 million a year turnover will be forced either to pay the extra or choose not to advertise.

Mr Mike Finley, executive director of the PPA, said: "Some magazines have virtually all their advertising revenue in the financial sector because they are specialist trade publications. Our research shows that the institutions will simply stop advertising in the minor publications, and I expect that the result will mean a great many of them being forced to fold."

According to Mr Dugal Nesbit-Smith, the NS director, small regional weeklies which rely on personal advertising will be hard hit, because some of them make up to 80 per cent of their revenue out of classified.

The Newspaper Publishers Association, which represents 19 Fleet Street titles, said the effect of cutbacks on financial advertising would be "devastating" for quality newspapers. Financial advertising makes up £42 million of nationals' revenue and classified another £99 million.

Hackney in danger of bankruptcy

By Hugh Clayton
Local Government Correspondent

Hackney Borough Council in London will be bankrupt by mid-April if it fails to overturn a legal challenge to its policy of not fixing a rate, Ms Hilda Kean, Labour leader of the council, gave a warning yesterday that it might be impossible to pay the council's workforce of 7,000 after April 1, and that a receiver might be called in a fortight later.

Hackney is becoming the most likely flashpoint in the long dispute between the Labour movement and the Government about curbs on council spending throughout the country. The borough stretches through acres of tightly packed Victorian streets to the north of the City of London.

Hackney has a population of 186,000 and an unemployment rate of more than 20 per cent. In 1983 it came top of a government index of inner-city deprivation based on the official census taken two years earlier. It has one of the largest Labour majorities among rate-capped councils.

Ms Kean yesterday dismissed suggestions that councillors had been advised that they could safeguard the council's services and workforce by raising rates by 9 per cent. She said it would be wrong to use "creative accounting techniques" to survive rate-capping. The council's aim was to win concessions from the Government this year and not postpone a financial crisis until next year.

Council shop stewards are to meet today. The local branch of the National and Local Government Officers' Association has voted to strike if the Government sends commissioners to run the council or if councillors fix a legal rate which leads to cuts in the workforce.

Hackney's deadline for confrontation is earlier than those for other capped councils. That is because Mr Mourad Fleming has won a legal declaration that the council should fix a legal rate and should not be allowed to borrow against future rate income if it does not. Mr Fleming was the defeated SDP candidate in a council by-election last month.

90 colleges vote for action

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

As parents' organizations yesterday met Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary for Education, to talk about industrial unrest in schools, college lecturers announced that 90 colleges had voted to take industrial action.

The National Union of Teachers, the biggest teachers' union, gave details yesterday of increased strike action in schools next week. The education of 355,000 pupils is expected to be disrupted as 8,500 teachers strike at 466 schools in 52 local authorities.

The National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, whose 78,000 members are being balloted on a work-to-rule, are today meeting local authority employers. Union spokesmen fear talks will break down.

Ninety colleges out of 800 have now voted by a "substantial majority" for industrial action, which the union has authorized forthwith.

The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, representing four million parents and teachers in England and Wales, yesterday told Sir Keith they were worried about the effects of teachers' strikes on children.

The minister was adamant that the 4 per cent offer to teachers could not be increased by the Department of Education and Science and that it was up to the teachers, who are seeking 12.4 per cent, to negotiate with local authorities.

● Britain's third largest teacher union has decided not to join in the strike action, the Press Association reports.

The 95,000 members of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association are understood to have voted overwhelmingly in a ballot against striking.

The 100-strong AMMA executive will discuss the secret ballot result in London this weekend.

● Teachers should have a taste of life in British industry and business so they know how properly to prepare non-academic teenagers for work when they leave school, Mr Tony Chaplin, head of training at Pilkingtons, told the Commons employment select committee last night.

Mr Chaplin, who chairs a Confederation of British Industry Working Party on the Youth Training Scheme, said such experience could then be applied to school curricula.

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Housing benefit cut again

By Nicholas Timmins

More than 100,000 tenants in high-rent areas face losses of between 42p and more than £2 a week from April 1 as the last tranche of last year's £190 million cut in housing benefit.

The figures were calculated yesterday by SHAC, the London Housing Aid Centre, as regulations were published introducing the changes for tenants, many of whom have suffered from earlier cuts in housing benefit.

The scheme provides more help with housing benefit for council, private and housing association tenants in high rent areas, but some areas will ceaseto qualify as "high-rent" – which could mean cuts in benefit of around £5 in some cases – and in others the formula will be less generous producing cuts averaging 42p a week for council tenants and 80p a week for private and housing association tenants, according to SHAC.

Areas that will cease to qualify for both council and private tenancies include Brighton, Guildford, and Windsor and Maidenhead. Those losing it for public authority tenants include Basildon, Broxbourne, Cardiff, Central Lancashire, Enfield, Havant, Liverpool, Middlesbrough, Northampton, Portsmouth, Radnor Valley, Test Valley, Vale of Glamorgan, Wimbourne and Wokingham.

Unions split on one-day stoppage

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Members of four of the biggest civil service unions appeared to be split yesterday over whether to mount a 24-hour stoppage on April 1 as the first part of a campaign in protest at a 3.9 per cent pay offer.

As the ballot returns were reported to the London headquarters of the unions, tax officials amd middle management were voting for action, but other grades were deciding against.

Leaders of the 53,000-member Inland Revenue Staff Federation said their members were giving them a "very clear mandate" for the walkout and staff at the Society of Civil and Public Servants said that first indications were that the action was supported by between 50 per cent and 55 per cent of executive grades.

The 35,000-strong Civil Service Union, representing messengers to radio technicians, found yesterday that a majority were opposed to the strike.

The Civil and Public Servants Association, the biggest union with mainly clerical members, reported that of the 1,496 who had voted by yesterday, 930 had backed the national executive's recommendation to strike. But sources within the union pointed out that the most militant branches would ballot first

How youth job schemes will be expanded

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The Manpower Services Commission will meet next week to plan the expansion in the Youth Training Scheme and Community Programme outlined in the Budget.

Special employment measures provide more than 500,000 places and fall into four areas.

● The Youth Training Scheme is the largest, with 379,000 a 12-month vocational training programme disigned to provide in a full year for 407,000 at an annual cost of £800 million.

Under the scheme 16 and 17 year olds spend a year with a company, or local authority, of which 13 weeks is off-the-job training. The trainees receive £26.25 a week, out of £2,050 a year which the employer receives from the MSC. The MSC claims that 60 per cent of trainees go to get jobs.

The Government's proposals to extend the sheme for 16-year-olds to a second year and guarantee a place for all school leavers aged 17, providing 200,000 more places a year at a cost of £425 million during the next three years.

● The Community Programme provides work such as tidying derelict sites, to long-term unemployed. The Chancellor indicated that the expansion would be aimed at under-25s who have been unemployed for more than six months.

The programme caters in a full year for 200,000 people of whom just under 60 per cent are under 25. Pay conforms to the local labour market and has averaged abour £63 a week. The MSC estimates that people leaving the programme are two or three times more likely than others to get jobs. The Government proposes an extra 100,000 places costing £600 million during the next two financial years.

● The Enterprise Allowance Scheme is aimed at encouraging unemployed people to start businesses. Of the present 39,000 places about 8,000 are taken up by people under 25. Would-be entrpreneurs are paid £40 a week by the State, in lieu of benefits, for the first year of operation, provided they have invested £1,000 of their own money. The scheme is to be extended to accomodate 62,000 entrants in the next year.

● The Young Workers Scheme covers 61,000 under-18s whose employers can reclaim £15 a week from the Government. It is to be ended

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Low stocks mean quick price rises

By Derek Harris
Commerical Editor

Alcoholic drinks and cigarettes at pre-Budget prices are likely to disappear from the shops earlier than in previous years although supplies of key drink brands should last until Easter.

Some cigarette brands may remain at pre-Budget prices rather longer, Mr Dan Keough, marketing director of Victoria Wine, one of the biggest off-licence chains, said.

The high value of drinks and cigarettes make stocks expensive so many in the trade had whittled them down Mr Keough said.

Smaller outlets such as corner shop tobacconists and newsagents are likely to raise tobacco prices before Easter.

Retailers are expecting some impact on drinks sales after the Chancellor's increases which included 10p on spirits, 10p on sherry, port, vermouth and sparkling wine, 1p to 2p on a pint of beer and 1p on cider.

But there could be more effect on table wine sales from the increase of 6p because many wines priced just below the psychological barrier of £2 will be pushed over it.

Telecom share speculators may be prosecuted

Some speculators who tried to profit from the British Telecom share sale by making multiple applications may be charged with fraud. The Department of Trade and Industry announced yesterday that it has referred a number of cases to the Director of Public Prosecution. (Jonathan Davis writes)

The decision comes after weeks of uncertainty about whether the Government would prosecute. The share sale prospectus last November made it clear that there was a limit of one application per individual. More than 6,000 applications were rejected as suspected multiple ones.

The Government had given a public warning about possible prosecution and appointed the accountants Peat Marwick and Mitchell to vet applications.

The department refused to say yesterday how many cases had been referred to the DPP. Before Christmas however, the department was reported to be particularly concerned about 10 to 12 cases of apparently organized "rings".

The shares were trading yesterday at 134p, against the issue price of 50p.

Stay away from pit case meetings, barristers told

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Barristers involved in defending miners on criminal charges arising from the strike have been warned in the strongest terms that if they hold meetings jointly with solicitors and miners' union representatives they risk charges of professional misconduct.

In a letter which has just gone out to all heads of chambers, Mr Robert Alexander, QC, vice-chairman of the Bar, says that it has come to the attention of the professional conduct committee that barristers attended such a meeting last December.

Mr Alexander, who is also chariman of the Bar's professional conduct committee, adds that the committee believes there have been other such meetings.

"From what occurred at the meeting it is quite clear to the committee that there is a grave danger that any such meeting will give rise to serious professional impropriety", he says.

In particular, breaches of the Bar's code of conduct could include: The "cab rank" rule by which a barrister is meant to take any case he is offered if he is not otherwise engaged and if it is in his sphere of work;

Lord Gifford, QC, who is involved in defending miners in several cases with other members of his chambers, said yesterday that he was not clear what kind of meetings were being referred to.

"But if it means meetings with other barristers and solicitors defending clients in one case on a charge, for instance, of riot, that has always been done and I do not intend to restrict myself from continuing to do so."

TUC protests at unfair dismissal move

The TUC is to send a letter to the Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Tom King, expressing its grave concern about the Government's decision to remove protection against unfair dismissal from workers with less than two year's service and also about the Chancellor's announcement of a new threat to wages councils.

The issues, mainly affecting low-paid workers, were raised at today's meeting of the TUC's employment, policy and organization committee.

Afterwards the TUC general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, said the Government's moves were dangerous and wrong-headed and would give even greater licence to unscrupulous employers. "The unfair dismissal protection is modest enough," he said. "Now millions of workers will lose even this.

"Similarly, awards of wages councils can hardly be described as generous. Wages councils' basic rates are only about £60 to £70 a week.

"Moreover, recent research in the retail trades by the Department of Employment has found that 'there can be no strong assumption that the retail wages councils have an important independent employment effect'."

Mr Willis added: "There is no evidence, only prejudice, behind this move, pushing wages levels even further below the poverty line while doing nothing to cut the dole queues."

COUNCIL SPENDING (£ billion)		
	1984/85	1985/86
Income from rates	12.8	13.6
Total income	38.4	39.6
Total spending	40.8	39.8
Unallocated reserve	0	1.3
Borrowing requirement	2.4	1.5

Source: "Financial Statement and Budget Report".

Ruddock may replace Abse

The possibility that Mr Leo Abse, the Labour MP for Torfaen, may not seek reselection has led party activists to believe that Mrs Joan Ruddock, the chairman of CND, may seek the nomination.

Mr Abse, aged 69 next month, said he will make a decision about his future later this year. Mrs Ruddock is interested in standing at the next general election.

Fans jailed as Thatcher gets report from FA

Football Association secretary Mr Ted Croker said last night that a hooligan report had been submitted to the Prime Minister – but he refused to comment on alleged National Front involvement in football violence.

Mrs Thatcher called for the FA document after crowd violence at Chelsea and Luton. Opposition Chief Whip Michael Cocks has claimed there was a direct relationship between crowd troubles and the vote of the National Front and British National Party candidates in the areas involved.

● Two football supporters were jailed for a week at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in London yesterday for offensive behaviour at the troublesome Chelsea match. Of the 28 Chelsea supporters on various charges, two were remanded in custody for three weeks for reports, others got heavy fines and two were sentenced to 25 hours at police attendance centres on Saturdays

Search for common ground in Ulster

From Richard Ford, Belfast

In an attempt to break the deadlock between the political parties in Northern Ireland, Mr Christopher Patten, Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, has been given the task of discovering what common ground there is between nationalists and unionists over future political development.

He will start before Easter and the Government hope that his diplomacy can be kept as low-key as possible.

The main parties in the province, although sceptical of the usefulness of such an operation, have indicated they will co-operate with Mr Patten, who was given his role as mediator by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireand.

Unionists believe his role is a way of encouraging the Social, Democratic and Labour Party to become involved in talks without entering the Northern Ireland Assembly.

But Mr John Hume, leader of the SDLP, said that although his party would co-operate members thought an intermediary was unnecessary, as the only question was whether unionists were prepared to take part in meaningful talks.

It is clear that at some stage the Government will put forward its own ideas on possible political movement but, meanwhile, Mr Patten will report his findings to the secretary of state.

He said yesterday that the talks with political leaders would attempt to see what common ground there was for the future. It was his task to ensure that the province did not remain in the doldrums until the local government elections in May.

The Government hopes that some of the groundwork on political developments can be in place by May when the real bargaining may begin. Mr Hurd does not want to simply to preserve the status quo.

Mr Patten said yesterday that he did not think his Roman Catholicism or that he had been strongly criticized by the Democratic Unionist Party for agreeing to changing the name of Londonderry City Council to Derry City Council made any difference to his park.

Mr Frank Millar, general secretary of the Official Unionist Party, greeted his mission with scorn, dismissing it as a "bit of nonsense". "The secretary of state's purpose is to give some appearance of movement between now and the local government election, when in reality there is none and will be none."

Pilot blamed for crash

Pilot error was the cause of the British Airways helicopter crash in the sea between Penzance and the Isles of Scilly in 1983 in which 20 people drowned, the Department of Transport inquiry report concludes.

The pilot, Mr Dominic Lawlor, flew the Sikorsky into the flat, calm sea in misty sun because he thought he was still 250 feet up, it says. Mr Lawlor, aged 37 at the time of the accident, is believed to be working in the Far East.

BA has since introduced stricter height and visibility rules for helicopter pilots, and this summer an audible height warning will be fitted in cockpits.

On impact, at 70 to 100 knots, most of the bottom of the helicopter was ripped off. It quickly filled with water

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Drugs in society

Peer's son being sent to African farm for cure after £200 fine

The eldest son of Lord Glenconner has been a heroin addict for 10 years, he disclosed yesterday.

Charles Tennant, aged 28, whose father owns the holiday island of Mustique, was fined £200 by Uxbridge magistrates for smuggling opium with a street value of £37.

Later he said he was going into a clinic then to a remote cattle farm in Africa to beat his addiction.

Tennant, of Hillsleigh Road, Notting Hill, west London, who admitted smuggling 7.4 grams of opium at Heathrow Airport added: "I am really pleased to be able to do something about my addiction."

He said: "I've been an addict for about ten years" and added the drug was heroin.

His father hed arranged the farm job for him and through Mr John Blackburn Gittings, his solicitor, he said he was getting away from central London where drugs were easily available.

Mr Gittings added: "Under no circumstances should one even smoke cannabis because it inevitably leads to experiments with harder drugs, which leads to disastrous results".

Tennant was stopped in the green channel by customs and the drug was found in a holdall.

He was returning from holiday in India the court, was told, he told customs officers he had forgotten about the drug.

Mr Gittings told the court: "He's another casualty of the drug cancer in this country. He is not a well man and he's in urgent need of medical treatment."

He urged the court to impose a fine so that Tennant, could undertake the treatment and produced a letter confirming the admission to the clininc. "His family are being completely supportive", he added.



Charles Tennant: Addicted for 10 years.

The chairman of the bench, Mr Derek Blackwell, said: "We have listened to your counsel and we take into account you have a place to go for treatment to assist you in trying to overcome drugs".

'Marriage offer' by Lord Blandford

Lord Blandford aged 29, son of the Duke of Marlborough, wanted to marry a lesbian, drug addict who is standing trial for supplying heroin and cocaine, Knightsbridge Crown Court was told yesterday.

The mariage offer was made to an antiques dealer, Diana Willis, aged 41, her lover, Vivien Wyatt, aged 32, told the jury in evidence.

Miss Willis explained how she became mixed up in the world of drug addiction.

"We started meeting a lot of different people, people with money and titles", she told the court. "Diana met a certain 'gent' who was titled and there were a lot of arguments. She went away with him for a few days and at the same time we started taking cocaine.

"People took it at parties. It was cocaine and champagne: it was the thing to do."

The man was Lord Blandford.

Miss Wyatt told the jury of her mental and physical collapse as she started to use more drugs and as her relationship with Miss Willis deteriorated.

"Our relationship started going haywire", she said. "The man came to the flat and at one point she boasted to me that he even wanted to marry her and she would end up being titled.

"It was almost as if Diana became obsessed with high society, trying to become part of it and impressing people. I didn't have much regard for them."

Miss Wyatt said of her addiction: "It was terrifying."

A doctor had told her at one point that she would have had only four days to live: she caught septicaemia and was in hospital for two months unable to walk; eventually she collapsed weighing six and a half stone, more than two stone underweight.

"I sold anything I could get my hands on to pay for the drugs", she said.

Miss Wyatt, of Devere Gardens, Kensington, and Miss Willis, of Addison Road, Holland Park, both west London, deny charges of supplying heroin and cocaine.

Earlier, Miss Wyatt told the court about the couple's heroin addiction when they lived together in her flat.

"We tried very hard to give it up", she said, "but it never worked.

"To be able to get up and cope with daily life again we found we had to take heroin. It was as much as we could do to have a bath: sometimes that took two hours." After she left hospital Miss Wyatt's family paid guards to try to keep her off drugs.

The trial continues today.

Bank will open branches at Tesco

By Peter Wilson-Smith
Banking Correspondent

Shoppers at Tesco superstores will soon be able to draw cash and arrange mortgages with the Midland Bank when they buy their groceries. Midland is opening pilot branches at three Tesco stores.

The first will be at the new Tesco superstore opening in June at Brent Park on the North Circular Road, London. Two more will open later this year in stores near Leicester and Southampton. The branches will provide the full range of personal banking services. Customers will be able to open accounts, arrange loans or insurance and buy Thomas Cook travellers' cheques.

Mr Michael Fuller, general manager business development at the Midland, said the bank's market research had found a demand for in-store banking offering longer opening hours. The branches will keep the same hours as the food stores.

Although some clearing banks have experimented with cash dispensers inside and outside stores and in shopping centres, Lloyds Bank is the only other among ther big four to have in-store branches. Most of the 11 it operates have been open since the 1970s and eight are in Lewis's department stores.

Midland is not ruling out similar ventures with other retailers which do not compete with Tesco.

Mr Ralph Temple, Tesco's finance director, said the pilot scheme could be the first stage towards providing further financial services in Tesco stores.

Murder charge

John Wooder, aged 35, who is accused of murdering Steven Hindley, aged 22, in a Bond Street shoe shop in January, was committed in custody to the Central Criminal Court for trial by Bow Street magistrates yesterday.



John Hughes, held by Desmond Haughton, who saved him from a fire (Photograph: Dod Miller)

Award for fire rescue

A teenage Londoner who climbed a drainpipe to save the life of a young boy caught in a house fire was yesterday presented with a Britannia Arrow – Ross McWhirter Young Citizens' award by the Lord Mayor of London, Mr Alan Traill.

Mr Desmond Haughton, aged 17, was passing the Sutton Estate in south-west London when he learned that John Hughes, now aged 5, was trapped by fire in a first-floor flat.

Although the fire brigade had been called, Mr Haughton scaled a drainpipe, grabbed the child through a kitchen window and carried him down. As he did so broken glass and debris were falling from the building.

Mr Haughton was one of three young people presented with awards for good citizenship.

Divorce petitions up 50% after change in law

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

"We expect the surge to continue, although not at the same rate, into this year but then to level off". Previously, a petition for divorce could not be filed before three years of marriage, except in exceptional circumstances.

In criminal areas, the figures show that the number awaiting trial at crown courts in 1984 is still climbing. For the first time since 1979 the backlog of cases now stands at more than 22,000. More than 75,000 cases were committed for trial in 1984, a 50 per cent rise over 1979. The Lord Chancellor's Department estimating that the figure will be near 90,000 by 1988.

The disposal rate is affected by the number of judges and courtrooms available. A year ago Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone promised a "trawl" of the profession to boost the numbers of circuit judges by 10 per cent. Since then the total has risen from 348 to 372 and more appointments are on the way.

There has been an increase in the rate of guilty pleas, from 54 per cent four years ago to nearly 59 per cent last year. But more has been offset by longer hearing times in contested cases.

The number of divorce petitions has risen by 50 per cent since the law came into force allowing petitions to be filed within one year of marriage, according to provisional statistics from the Lord Chancellor's Department.

They show that the number of divorce petitions filed in county courts for England and Wales rose from 13,886 in September last year to 20,273 in October. That figure rose slightly in November and then dropped to 12,533 in December.

The Lord Chancellor's Department said that clearly a number of people had waited for the new provisions, in the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 to take effect on October 12 last year.

Irish politicians divided on marriage breakdown

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A national debate on divorce in the Irish Republic is expected after the report today of a joint party committee on marriage breakdown, which fails to produce a unanimous recomendation.

There is now little prospect of a referendum on divorce during the life of Dr Garret FitzGerald's coalition government, whose term ends in 1987. It may even be the early art of the next decade before the issue is put to the country.

The joint party committee heard 700 submissions during its 20 months but in spite of three extensions it could not agree on whether divorce was desirable or necessary.

The report, to be presented to the Dail later today, is divided on whether a referendum should be held to remove the ban on divorce in the constitution of 1937. A majority on the committee wanted a referendum but the minority, consisting largely of Fianna Fail opposition members, insisted that the issue be left to the Dail without a recommendation from the committee.

With no consensus on divorce the committee suggests that any referendum must emphasize the State's duty to protect the family and the institution of marriage but sould leave it to the legislators to decide on divorce laws.

Actress had debts of £25,000

A televis ion actress who lost her starring role and owed £25,000 spent on cocaine took a lethal cocktail of barbiturates and alcohol, an inquest was told yesterday.

Eva Mottley, aged 31, had also received death threats and letters alleging that she had herpes and Aids, the inquest at Westminster was told. Miss Mottely had played Bella in the series *Widows*. She was found slumped on her knees by the telephone at her flat in Shirland Road, Maida Vale on St Valentine's Day.

Her aunt Mrs Amor Mottley said: "She was depressed because of her money problems and because she walked off the job at *Widows* where there was obviously some conflict."

Mr Anthony Earlham, her stepfather, from Tenegeren, Belgium, told the coroner, Dr Paul Knapman, that Miss Motley was very upset when she lost the job in the television series last August.

"Her whole career was ruined", he said. "She claimed sexual and racial prejudice with the production crew of the series, but she was more emotional and upset about that than depressed." Dr Knapman recorded a verdict that Miss Morley killed herself.

PC Gregor Watson said he found two notes the actress had left.

One, addressed to her parents, was found tucked in her bedclothes and the other was on a pad where the writing started normally in blue pen and ended unreadable in red.

All schools urged to teach technology

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

All children, even in primary schools, should learn about technology, according to her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools in a discussion document published yesterday.

They should learn how to handle materials such as steel and glass, and they should learn about energy through torch batteries, inflated balloons, rubber bands, plants, falling objects, and human muscle.

Meanwhile one of the most academic public schools in Britain, King Edward's School in Birmingham, is to start a new course in design. All 700 boys at the school are to learn how to make things out fo polymers, glass fibre and carbon fibre using microprocessors and computer controls.

The proposal, drawn up by the school's chief master, Mr Martin Rogers, also involves building a design centre. Girls from the adjacent King Edward's High School may also take part.

Tomorrow the school is advertising for a fellow in design education who will be appointed for three years to put the plan into effect.

Boys at the school already do woodwork, metalwork and some work with plastics, in their first three years, but the subject of craft, design and technolpgy has been developed traditionally for those of lower academic ability.

There is now a shift in thinking towards design education for everyone. Much of the groundwork has been laid by the Royal Society of Arts's education for capability programme.

The school inspectors' document, called *The Curriculum from 5 to 16*, represents a continuing shift towards more central control of the curriculum. It is the first time they have said that technology should be taught to every child.

The inspectors not only want each child to receive a balanced education, but also that there should b e continuity between primary and secondary school.

Reseach from Leicester University found that one-third of primary school leavers did worse in tests at the end of the first year of secondary school than in the last year at primary school. It is thought this might be because of a change in teachers' styles.

Toyota urged to recall 'faulty' vehicle

The Consumers Association yesterday urged Toyota GB to suspend sales of its eight-seat Space Cruiser, a cross between a car and a minibus, and to recall 2,200 already sold for modifications to "potentially dangerous brakes" (Clifford Webb writes). Details have been sent to the Department of Transport.

It is claimed that tests carried out on four Space Cruisers had shown that under heavy braking at 60mph they could end up broadside across the road. From 30 mph they "slewed unpredictably", with the back wheels locked and sometimes clear of the road.

Toyota GB said it way mystified by the claims and disappointed that the Comsumers Association had sought publicity before giving the manufacturer time to investigate and reply.

Wife killer on second death charge

Fifteen years after being jailed for killing his wife, a man murdered a woman with whom he lived, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Robin Lewis, aged 49, unemployed, was said to have strangled and beaten Doreen Wilcocks, aged 63, a widow, at their home in Nutbourne Street, Kilburn, last May, and then given himself up to police. He denies murder.

Mr Alan Green, for the prosecution, said detectives found the victim lying in the bathroom at her home, still alive. She died in hospital nine days later from multiple injuries.

Mr Green told the jury that Mr Lewis was jailed in 1969 for two-and-a-half years for the manslaughter of his wife with a meat cleaver.

The trial continues today.

Webber tune in Top of the Pops

A classical music record featuring the English Chamber Orchestra will be on *Top of the Pops* tonight. *Pie Jesu* (Merciful Jesus) written by Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer of *Evita*, has reached number 14 in the singles charts (David Hewson writes).

The single was made with the ECO. Mr Lloyd Webber's wife, Sarah Brightman, and Paul Miles-Kingston a Winchester choirboy, aged 12.

Profits will go to the Save the Children Fund, and the single is from Mr Lloyd Webber's *Requiem* LP.

JP tells court of fiancée's deceit

Kenneth Pegg yesterday told a jury of his relationship with the girl whose deceit is alleged to have led him to murder.

Pegg, aged 36, a magistrate and Territorial Army officer, was giving evidence at St Albans Crown Court on the third day of a trial in which he has denied murdering Mr Peter Goddard, a betting shop manager, with a surgical amputation knife.

Miss Ruth Thompson, a student aged 21 and Pegg's former fiancée, has told the court she was at one stage sleeping with each of the two men, but keeping it secret from both.

Pegg, of Cow Roast, Tring, Hertfordshire, who married in 1968 but divorced five years later, said he met Miss Thompson in a local newsagents where she worked.

They became engaged but broke up at the end of 1982. Pegg said: "Our relationship was a relatively stormy one, in as much as Ruth seemed to thrive on conflict, which I didn't. She said she felt the relationship was stagnant."

He said Miss Thompson did not want to get married at that stage, so he considered the relationship over.

Shortly afterwards he moved to Grantham, Lincolnshire, to become a full-time adjutant with his unit. But, he said, Miss Thompson asked him to continue the relationship.

Pegg said they became friends again, but later in 1983 Miss Thompson, attempted suicide

Pegg said: "She tried to kill herself once again, this time far more convincingly. She was in hospital for three days until they purged the drugs out of her system."

The trial continues.

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Healey praises Howe's Star Wars speech

DISARMAMENT

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told the Commons that his recent speech on the American Star Wars research was based firmly and squarely on existing policy as set out by President Reagan and Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister at Camp David.

He was replying to Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, during questions in which criticisms of his speech on Star Wars were raised.

Mr Healey had said: I congratulate Sir Geoffrey Howe on his penetrating critique of the Star Wars programme and on provoking an alarming outburst of hysteria from the editor of *The Times*.

As President Reagan had said it was right to consider a ban or moratorium on tests of anti-satellite weapons, whereas Sir Geoffrey Howe himself had said the future was now, would the Foreign Secretary make the negotiation of such a ban a main objective of British policy and extend it to a ban or moratorium on all tests of space weapons which were capable of verification by national means?

Sir Geoffrey Howe told Mr Healey that he was right to draw attention in this context to the importance of verification which was a crucial part of any effective disarmament agreement.

Mr Healey was right to remind us (he went on) that in my speech I was commending the statement by the President of the United States in his United Nations address of his willingness to work for agreement in the ASAT area.

Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) was the first to refer to Sir Geoffrey Howe's speech last week on the Strategic Defence Initiative.

Where do we stand (he asked) on the Star Wars issue? Has Britain made any representations on the extra 21 multi warhead MX to the US Government?

It was time for a freeze on both sides if the Geneva arms talks were to have any chance of success. Britain should call for a freeze.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said a freeze would not be a useful contribution to the prospect of effective balanced arms control because it would immobilize the imbalance, not least in intermediate range nuclear weapons.

On Star Wars (he added) the position is exactly as stated by the Prime Minister yesterday (Tuesday): "The policy was, and remains, in the four points set out in Camp David and raffirmed when I was in Washington. The Foreign Secretary was speaking in pursuance of that policy."

The 21 MX missiles were part of the programme of modernization to which the United States was committed.

Sir Peter Blaker (Blackpool South, C) asked Sir Geoffrey Howe to confirm that in his speech he had supported American research on the SDI as the Prime Minister had done.

Is that not the right course for the Government to take (he asked) bearing in mind that the Russians are widely known to be conducting their own research?

Sir Geoffrey Howe agreed. He had made clear not only in his speech but on many other occasions, including in discussions with the Soviet Union representatives, that the Russians had for many years been doing research and had moved further towards deployment within the limits of the 1972 treaty, and that it was essential for the West to match that research in the way it was being carried out.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells, C) asked Sir Geoffrey Howe to repeat and emphasize his own misgivings about SDI if and when it got beyond the research stage.

If SDI does not work (he said) it will be a gigantic waste of money. If it does work, it will simply encourage development of alternative nuclear weapons delivery systems, to which Britain and Europe are particularly vulnerable.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said he understood the point.

That is why we have emphasized, and it was a point agreed at Camp David (he said), that research certainly should proceed, and as members of the American administration have made clear, we cannot know what the research programme will uncover.

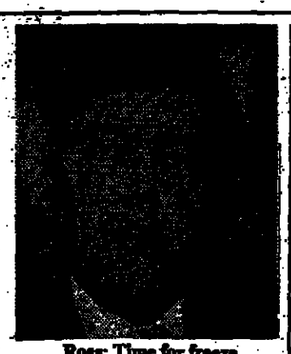
It is clear that deployment of SDI related weapons would be a matter for negotiation in the context of existing treaty obligations.

Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride, Lab) said that on the Labour side and on the Tory benches, to judge from questions, there was considerable applause for Sir Geoffrey Howe's lukewarm attitude on SDI.

Will he take a further step forward (he continued) and indicate to President Reagan and the Americans that Start Wars are a lot of nonesense and that an enourmous amount of money which will be spent on this research would be better spent on other things?

Sir Geoffrey Howe said Russian projects in space were more than twice as many as the rest of the world together. So it is important for such research to be sustained.

It is equally important (he continued) to emphasize that the outcome of the research is by no means concluded. Deployment of SDI related technology must be for negotiation.



Ross: Time for freeze on both sides

Sir Geoffrey Howe said later that the aim of the United States, and the West, was not to achieve superiority in nuclear deterrence but to maintain balance was crucially important, taking account of Soviet development.

Mr David Nellis (Coventry South East, Lab) spoke of the major world powers spending £1 million a minute on armaments and said the problem of starving people in Africa could be solved in one day if the real issue, total disarmament, was taken up.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said Russia spent probably twice as much a percentage of her gross national product on arms and her record on aid to such countries compared lamentably with that of the free world.

Mr Patrick Nicholls (Teinbridge, C) said that in terms of Star Wars technology, the West's lead was such that the Russians had no alternative but to return to the negotiating table.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said one factor which had persuaded the Soviet Union of the need to resume arms control talks they had left had been the continued unity that the North Atlantic alliance had sustained by the continued deployment of intermediate range weapons in Europe.

Denning adds his voice to those demanding repeal of section 2 of Secrets Act

HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Denning, the former Master of the Rolls, said in the House of Lords that he welcomed the verdict of the jury in the Clive Ponting case which, as far as he could see, disregarded the direction of the judge and, in spite of his direction, found Mr Ponting unanimously not guilty.

The verdict, he said, should lead to a change in the law just as 200 years ago when freedom of speech was imperilled it was the verdict of the jury which compelled a change in the law. Then it had been a jury's not guilty verdict on the publisher of an alleged seditious libel against King George III.

Both the case and the Ponting verdict had led to hoorays and hoorahs from the public.

He called for section two of the Official Secrets Act to be replaced by something more definite and certain in defining the criminal law and which would also lead to more open government.

Peers were debateing a motion calling on the Government to introduce legislation to repeal section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911 and replace it with a measure which would protect classes of information the disclosures of which would cause serious national harm, and to bring forward proposals to establish a general right of access to official information.

Lord Wigoder (L), who proposed the motion, said recent events had proved Section 2 of the Oficial Secrets Act to be inoperable and unenforceable. It was wrong that such an appalling piece of legislation should remain on the statute book. It was not surprising feeling had grown that it should be repealed and replaced by something more precise.

As for the main objection to it, the section as it stood, was ludicrously wide in its application – it would be an offence to disclose what type of biscuit a Secretary of State had with his morning cup of tea or to reveal the colour of the carpet in his room.

The Act also made it necessary for the Attorney General to give his consent before there could be a prosecution. While that might eliminate some of the more frivolous prosecutions, it led to an entirely random and haphazard application of the Act. There was the possibility that in the Ponting case and other recent prosecutions, a different Attorney General might have made different decisions.

It seemed to place politicians and the Government in a privileged position by setting out a situation in which they were to be regarded as more imortant than any of the other great organizations in the country.

There was a series of sub-sections making it an offence for people to receive or transmit information that had been improperly divulged to them. That was extremely difficult to construe or understand and ambiguous to a fault.

The present section 2 was absurdly wide and ambiguous, placed the Attorney General in an impossible position and brought the legal system into disrepute.

The other half of the motion was the proposition, equally hard to dispute, that in what people liked to think was a democratic society the public had a right if they chose to exercise it to participate in the process of decision-making.

They could only do that if they were provided with the raw material, the essential information, necessary to enable them to discuss intelligently and sensibly policy matters not only after the policy was announced, when it was often too late, but while the policy was in process of being formed.

Among the sort of documents which ought to be available to the public but under this secretive society were not where the technical background papers to new road schemes and environmental impact studies like the reports of the air pollution inspectorate.

There was information on what went on inside prisons: for example, what books were available in the libraries for the prisoners to read. There were also the reports on product tests, a whole series of papers, documents, surveys and studies the release of which could do no harm to anyone but would serve to create a better-informed electorate.

Could it seriously be argued that the public had not got a right to information held about themselves on official files which might be inaccurate and operate very much to their detriment?

It was sometimes said that constitutionally it was not appropriate to a parliamentary democracy of the Westminster type to have freedom of information legislation. In at least three other countries with such parliamentary democracies – Canada, Australia and New Zealand – there was legislation of this sort and it had been brought forward on each occasion by the Conservative party in those countries.

This is a demand (he said) which goes across party. It is a demand first to repeal section 2 and replace it with something more sensible and logical and secondly to make our society more open and our democracy more of a reality.

Lord Elton, Minister of State, Home Office, said it must be clear that the Government was not satisfied with section 2 and would like to see something else in its place. The most recent Bill, resulting from work by both government parties, perished for lack of agreement.

We are not (he went on) striking a simple balance between the interests of the individual on one hand and the interests of the state on the other. Those interests are bound up together. Government as the executive arm of the state has a duty to protect the interests of us all and each of us has a right to expect that it will.

The Prime Minister had said that the Government had a clear policy to make available as much information as possible while preserving the confidentiality essential to the effective working of government. People had only to look at the reports of the proceedings of both Houses and their committees or even the daily newspapers to see that there was a vast quantity of detailed information available about the activities and policies of government.

He did not argue against a flow of information from government to people, far from it. That was not the question. The question was rather: Is the present level and type of access to Government adequate and can we put something better in its place?

Courts, tribunals and the ombudsman had valuable parts to play, but it would not be right to give them the power of deciding formally what information should be released. Ministers were accountable to Parliament for the work of their departments and that included the provision of information.

The issues at stake were essentially political and in the Government's view the right place for ministers to answer for their decisions in the essentially political area of Government was in the political arena of the country – its Parliament.

The existing wide access should not be under-rated, and the parliamentary safeguards should not be discounted. More formal arrangements were bound to add to bureaucracy and cost to the taxpayer.

Both recent experience in these matters and proper caution about what was actually achievable did not offer the prospect of definitive action. Any proposal to give a general statutory right of access to Government information was unacceptable to the Government in principle.



Wigoder: Section 2 is ludicrously wide

Lord Elwyn-Jones, for the Opposition, said section 2 was by now almost totally discredited. Way back in 1972 the Franks report said section two was a mess. Attorney Generals had sometimes found themselves in a mess in consequence.

The time had now come for another legislative effort to be made and he regarded this motion as very timely because there was a general lack of public confidence in the present law and in present arrangements regarding the public's access to official information.

Those who supported the motion looked for something already in existance ahd already practised in several Commonwealth countries whose democratic traditions came from Britain.

Britain should not need to rely on leaks to enable the public to be better informed about what the Government was doing. There had been a good deal of leakage. This was significant. Lack of confidence was contributing to these activities.

The public was extremely unhappy about the lack of confidence between Government and public and the failure to fulfil open government in any real sense.

Legislation was probably necessary and if Britain looked to other countries with similar histories, similar constitutions and similar traditions, who had tried legislation and introduced freedom of information Bills, which had proved well worthwhile, he ventured to think at the end of the day they would be necessary in Britain as well.

Lord Denning, (Ind) said the Ponting jury verdict did not mean the jury thought Ponting was a first rate man doing what was right. It only meant they did not believe he had been guilty of a criminal offence. That was where section 2 was completely wrong.

All legislation providing for criminal offences should be clear and distinct so that everyone would know what they could or could not do.

The effect of the section was so wide that it covered every little communication by a civil servant and at the same time was ambiguous in its operation so that it was impossible to tell what was a criminal offence.

In the Ponting case much discussion had revolved around the words "in the interests of the state". If Ponting acted in the interests of the state he was not guilty, if he did not act in the interests of the state he was guilty.

The judge seems from *The Times* report (he said) to say that "in the interests of the state" means in the interests of the government of the day. I repudiate that suggestion.

Previously appeal judges had held that the words did not refer to the government or the executive but rather the country, the realm or the organized community.

Those words did not warrant the summing up of the judge in this case. The interests of the state still mean what the ordinary person would mean – the interests of the country or the realm.

The Attorney General was placed in an impossible position by the Act. He must be independent of politics and independent of party considerations and yet he had to determine whether to prosecute or not in the national interest.

Whether the Ponting case had already made it a dead letter he was not sure, but it had probably been the last nail in the coffin of section 2.

Lord Maude of Stratford-upon-Avon (C) said what Ponting had done was simply a breach of professional ethics and it had been a breach of confidence in which the newspapers had not only connived but actively encouraged.

His effect would be not to increase freedom of access to information, but to make secrecy become more likely.

If ministerial commitee and no conference between a minister and his advisers could be secure, then fewer of these meetings would take place. Fewer things would be discussed in the way they ought to be if proper decisions were to be made and decision making would be pushed further and further back into small, smoke filled rooms with less being available even to Members of Parliament.

Lord Hutchinson of Lullington (SDP) said the decision to prosecute Ponting had been one of the most extraordinary decisions of recent years. Win or lose the Government had clearly been on a hiding to nothing. It seemed that law officersad been trying to save ministers from embarrassment.

Lawson accused of callous disregard of poor

BUDGET DEBATE

Only the most gullible of Mr Nigel Lawson's supporters would believe that he had kept his new year promise of a Budget for Jobs, Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said in the Commons when the Budget debate was resumed. When next year Mr Lawson or his successor introduced the Budget for 1986, unemployment would be no less than it was today, he said.

Mr Francis Pym (South-East Cambridgeshire, C) the former Cabinet minister, also attacked the Budget on the same theme. For those who took a broad view of the Government's role and its scope for action, it was not a Budget for jobs, he said. That would require rewriting the financial plan and an increase of public sector borrowing requirement.

It is extraordinary (he said) that the Chancellor takes such a rigid attitude to the PSBR, protesting that the slighest increase would wreck the whole thing.

Mr Hattersley said that nobody today believed the hopes of tax cuts which Mr Lawson encouraged had been realized. Indeed the total annual tax burden would rise by a further £4.000 million between now and the next Budget.

Between the 1979 general election and the end of the present financial year the total increase in the annual tax bill would be of the order of £26.000 million.

That increase (he said) has been imposed on Britain by the party and the Government which won two general elections on the promise of tax cuts.

For most families what they may have received yesterday in the form of tax reduction will not have compensated for the extra charges, extra payments and the extra indirect taxation which they have to pay.

For many families one direct result of the Government's folly would cost them virtually as much as the income tax reductions. A married couple with one child would enjoy an income tax reduction of £7.50 per month. Yet even if the building societies made no further increase in their lending rate – and that was a most optimistic assumption – the cost of the average mortgage had gone up since Christmas by £7.25 per month.

The mortgage rate increase was the direct result of the Chancellor's mishandling of the sterling crisis.

It would (he continued) be most mistaken and uncharitable to jump to the obvious conclusion and blame that unpopularity on Mr Lawson's personality and character.

It would be equally wrong to assume that his unpopularity is a result of the incompetence with which he has performed his duties, though the bluster and indecision with which he faced the sterling crisis in January did not, I think, make him a national hero.

The Chancellors's status and standing is largely the result of a single characteristic. He represents, he personifies, the callousness of conservatism.

The Chancellor is essentially the man who does not care. That was demonstrated yesterday in his attitude towards the wages councils.

Wages councils were created by Mrs Thatcher's greates of all heros, Winston Churchill, to protect the weak and the vulnerable.

The workers covered by wages councils, far from causing unemployment had over the last five years, had been its principle victims.

In the last decade average earnings of wages councils employees had fallen from 73 per cent to 65 per cent of the average national wage.

The notion (he said) that we might find some economic salvation in depressing their wages still further is simply grotesque.

Mr Lawson's medium term financial strategy had collapsed under the weight of its own contradictions. The Chancellor performed the last rites over the corpse yesterday afternoon when he warned about a benign view of the exchange rate. Until February 11 the benign view was official Government policy.

The medium term financial strategy now only existed as a series of targets – targets which were constantly revised but rarely achieved.

Yet (he said) the failures of the Government's forecasting were actually institutionalized by the announcement that the contingency reserve is to be increased by £2.000 million this year and next.

Now the Chancellor is preparing for his forecasting errors a year before he actually makes the forecasts.

Yet he continues with this manic pursuit of elusive targets. It is for that reason that he fails to provide the remedy that the country so desperately needs to its unemployment crisis. That remedy is substantial investment in public capital.

The Opposition accepted the need for prudent control of public borrowing, but a better definition of the PSBR was needed. Even if the bogus definition was their guide, the level of public borrowing was lower than the OECD average. Yet the Chancellor insisted it must be cut again this year from 3¼ per cent of national income to 2 per cent.

If the PSBR had been left at the same figure, and augmented by fiscal adjustments, the Chancellor could have financed a £5 billion jobs package.

The emphasis should have been switched to new roads and sewers, hospitals and schools and new and repairable houses. All the work was desperately needed and could have been justified on its merits.

It was the lowest paid who would be paying the highest percentage of their income in increased charges; the lowest paid who would pay the highest percentage in indirect taxes and who would suffer most from deteriorating public services.

The Chancellor should have provided a pension increase of £5 for the single person and £8 for a married couple and put £3 on child benefits, the best and most direct way to alleviate poverty.

His callous disregard of the poor would result in the defeat of the Government at the hands of the electorate, which rejected tax cuts at the expense of public service, rejected unemployment at the expense of policies which the Government had abandoned simply to protect privilege.

People had more concern for the poor in general and for the unemployed than the Government realized. The people of the country as a result would rise up and sweep the Government from office.

Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said the fact that Mr Hattersley had not attacked home ownership would be reassuring for those who remembered his diffident observation that the Labour Party would take back into public ownership council houses which had been sold.

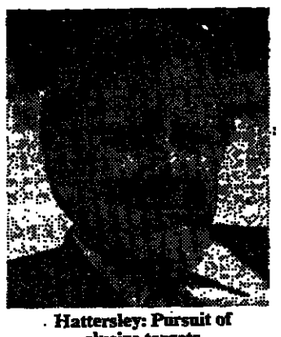
Mr Hattersley: Mr Rees's allegation is untrue and I hope he will withdraw it now rather than be forced to later in the day.

Mr Rees: I will check the record in *Hansard*. (Loud Labour protests).

Protests continued with Labour shouts of "Withdraw" punctuating the uproar from time to time.

Mr Rees: I am very happy to withdraw on the reassurance of Mr Hattersley that it is not part of his or their policies to take council houses back to private ownership.

Mr Rees said the over-riding objective of the Government was to establish a healthy, flexible and



Hattersley: Pursuit of elusive targets

dynamic economy from which real sustainable jobs could come.

It was no accident that countries which had performed best were those where the economy had not been over burdened.

Siren voices would always say a higher PSBR could be supported, but events in past months demonstrated that the markets still viewed the country's economic performance warily. He hoped the House would see there was some virtue in consistency.

The cost of the coal strike was likely to be about £2.5 billion and turbulence in the past months, which no deftness of touch could have stilled, together with developments in the exchange markets and interest rates, has effected calculations.

All in all, there was likely to be an overrun of £3¼ billion on the borrowing requirement and of nearly £3½ billion on public expenditure for the current year.

The Government had succeeded in holding expenditure to central government cash limits but pressures on programmes which were not subject to cash limits remained intense.

They had decided to add £2.000 million to the reserves and so to the planning total for each of the three years to make sure they were adequate to cope with unexpected developments.

The decision represented no change in the Government's policies on public expenditure. Planned expenditure had been falling as a proportion of GDP since 1981-82. This fall was planned to continue. Spending would be held constant in real terms while the economy continued to grow.

This pattern would still require consistent restraint. The Government's decision did not offer a soft option of public expenditure. Cash limits must hold as they had hitherto.

Mr Hattersley had said Mr Lawson's Budget was not a Budget for jobs. But there was no evidence of a lack of demand. For example, retail sales were up 5 per cent in the three months to February 1985 compared with a year ago.

The population of working age increased in the 12 months to September 1984 by 450,000. In the same period 390,000 extra jobs were created.

It was a travesty to say the economy was not responding to the Government's measures.

If some people called this a cautious Budget he would not object.

But there is a time for cuation (he said) and a time for boldness, but it is an imaginative Budget, a Budget which is part of a coherent, consistent and successful strategy.

Mr Francis Pym (South East Cambridgeshire, C) said Mr Lawson had taken as his theme a Budget for jobs, and in the context of Mr Lawson's viewpoint that was what it amounted to, but for those who took a broad view of the role of government and its scope for action, it was not a budget for jobs.

It would remove some disincentives to employment, but did not look like a budget which had been conceived with an increase of employment on a major scale as its objective. If so, the first requirement would have been the rewriting of the financial plan and an increase of public sector borrowing requirement.

It was extraordinary that the Chancellor took such a rigid attitude to the PSBR, protesting that the slightest increase would wreck everything. It was a straightjacket which prevented him producing a real budget for jobs. His proposals veered in that direction but did not go far.

Mr Lawson had given them a modern version of *1066 and All That*, a world of good things and bad. One of the bad was borrowing money.

In consequence, we have a Budget which picks its way with the Chancellor's great skill through a landscape dominated by fear of the bogeyman of borrowing. The principal flaw is that responsible financial management, however necessary, does not in itself constitute an economic strategy. To me it is the lack of such a strategy which is the glaring gap.

Achievement of growth and the prospect of new long term jobs depended on continuing to improve performance on the supply side and also stimulating the demand side.

If such a strategy, or something close to it, lay behind the Government's thinking, then he would have hoped and expected the Budget to include an increase in Government investment in the public sector and an increase in the PSBR.

Reform is making progress

EUROPE

The appointment of Mr Adam Fergusson, a former Conservative member of the European Parliament as a special adviser to liaise between the Foreign Office and the European Parliament was defended by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, during questions in the Commons. He said it had been a sensible and essential change.

Mr John Maxton (Glasgow Cathcart, Lab) in exchanges about the need for EEC reform, asked: In view of the 7 per cent increase in the amount consumed by the agricultural budget out of a total Community budget some 74 per cent goes on agriculture – and in view of the unwillingness of any member state to accept cuts in agricultural prices, what has happened to reform the common agricultural policy?

Or does he agree with his Conservative colleague, Mr David Curry, a member of the European Parliament, that we can forget reform of CAP because it is quite impossible?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: That would be a curious and discouraging conclusion to reach and I certainly would not reach it.

One of the major purposes of the Fountainebleau agreement has been to establish a framework for the gradual reduction of the percentage of resources drafted to the CAP. Since that time the process of reform has been moving steadily forward.

The 1985 Commission proposals show a determination to control costs; the wine reform regime agreed at Dublin has been implemented, and the agricultural structure agreement has achieved a lower level than expected. In all these ways the process of reform is taking place and will continue.

Mr George Foulkes, a Labour spokesman on European Community affairs: Why is the Foreign Secretary right and David Curry, an active MEP working within the Community, wrong when he says they should stop prentending that they can reform the CAP or even the budget?

Will he say whether the appointment of former MEP Adam Fergusson as special adviser at a salary in excess of £21,000 to liaise between the Foreign Office and the European Parliament is to stop earnest men like Mr Curry from blurting out embarrassing truths?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: Here in a single sentence is a view with such a conclusively futile conclusion that I cannot believe that it represents the entirety of the widom uttered by Mr Curry. It is of the utmost importance to us to continue the reform of agriculture policy and the budget.

The appointment of Mr Adam Fergusson was a sensible and essential change to improve and extend contact with MEPs and the Commiunity on other issues.

Joining EMS must be well-timed

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was urged in the Commons to take Britain into the European Monetary System. He told Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democrats, and two Conservative MPs that it was important that if Britain was to join it did so at a time when it would contribute to increased stability and not the reverse.

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire Morrlands, C) during exchanges about EEC reforms, asked: Will he impress on Treasury officials that one of the stumbling blocks is Britain's failure to join the exchange rate mechanism of the EMS?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I would not take the same view. If the UK is to join the EMS it is important it should do so in a fashion that would contribute to increased stability of that mechanism and not the reverse

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C): If other members of the EMS think it is reasonable for us to join, why cannot we?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: There are a number of factors to be taken into account. Government policy remains that we should join when the time is appropriate.

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democrats: A month ago we could have joined when the trade weighted index was 69.8 and it has risen to 74.5. We have lost an historic opportunity to stabilize the currency at a competitive rate.

Release of two Britons being sought

The release of two British subjects kidnapped in Beirut, Mr Brian Levick and Mr Geoffrey Nash, is being pursued most vigorously by the Government and by the British Ambassador in Lebanon, Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

All possible channels were being used and other governments were being approached to help in trying to identify where the two men were and to seek their release, he said, adding that the Islamic Jihad had claimed responsibility for the kidnappings.

We take this very seriously indeed (he said) and the British Ambassador has made it plain that we do not feel British subjects in West Beirut – there are about 70 of them – would be wise to stay there in present conditions.

He was replying to Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harow, C) who wanted more information provided to the families of the kidnapped men.

Wallenberg inquiries to continue

The Government would continue to make inquiries about the fate of Mr Raoul Wallenberg until it received a satisfactory answer from the Soviet Government, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during questions in the Commons.

Mr David Sumberg (Bury South, C) raised the issue of Mr Wallenberg, the former Swedish diplomat in Budapest who was arrested 40 years ago by the Red Army. He was believed to have saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Jews during the war.

Mr Sumberg asked Sir Geoffrey Howe to make any invitation to the Soviet Union to attend ceremonies in Britain to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of VE day conditional on the revelation of details of his fate.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: We do not believe that it would be either appropriate or effective to set preconditions to foreign representation at our national commemoration.

However, we have on several occasions pressed the Soviet Government to provide further details on the important question of the fate of Mr Wallenberg.

Mr Sumberg: It is somewhat ironic in 1985 to be commemorating the fortieth anniversary of peace and freedom and yet a heroic man is probably enjoying his fortieth anniversary of imprisonment.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The Soviet Government claimed he died in 1947. But I can assure Mr Sumberg we will continue to make inquiries about this matter until we receive a satisfactory answer.

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Radioactive discharge to sea will be reduced by new Sellafield plant

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Tests are in progress at a new £128 million chemical treatment plant to remove radioactive caesium and strontium from waste water discharged from the Sellafield nuclear fuel reprocessing plant in Cumbria.

Construction began in 1979 and the completion date was 1982. In fact, the plant, called SIXEP (the Site Ion Exchange Plant), will begin operating in May this year.

In full operation, the amount of caesium and strontium discharged into the sea will be less than 5,000 curies and 500 curies respectively.

The discharge pipeline into the Irish Sea was the subject of controversy in November 1983 when an accidental release of material, beyond the permitted levels, contaminated the boat and equipment of a group of Greenpace protesters.

British Nuclear Fuels faces a court action in June, brought by the Director of Public Prosecutions over the incident.

However, the annual level of discharges has been declining from a peak of 150,000 curies of caesium in 1975 to 15,000 curies of caesium last year, and 5,000 curies this year. Anxiety about caesium is related particularly to accumulation in fish and shellfish.

The main source of the active material is contaminated water from the storage ponds in which nuclear fuel elements are stored.

The elements are extracted from their canisters, in an underwater operation before being chemically dissolved and reprocessed.

Waste water from all the plants on the Sellafield site will go through the SIXEP plant.

Temporary measures to remove the radio-active substances have been taken in the water storage ponds by putting portable apparatus into the water containing "ion exchange resins", a special porous material that absorbs caesium.

That enables the concentration of radio-activity to be reduced when waste water is discharged. But that temporary measure did not cut down strontium.

Removal of both substances by the SIXEP plant will be accomplished with an ion exchange material made from a natural mineral called Clinoptilolite, which is an alumina silicate of volcanic origin in the form of tiny beads.

Two beds of the material, each one metre deep, are used to separate the caesium and strontium from the water. As the water flows through the column of mineral, the caesium and strontium are taken up, and, in exchange, calcium and sodium are replaced into the water.

Once the mineral has given up all available sodium and calcium ions, it is flushed out to a special waste storage unit. In the mid-1990s, the radio-active mineral will be converted with other sludges, accumulating at Sellafield, into concrete blocks for disposal in underground sites.

In addition to the water treatment plant, British Nuclear Fuels will complete by July, a £315 million new fuel storage plant, called Pond 50. It is the largest in the world

The building is more than 1,000 ft long and 100 ft high. It is the first plant of its kind in the world to handle fuel from the first-generation Magnox nuclear power stations and the second-generation advanced gas-cooled reactor power stations.

Its purpose is to store and prepare the nuclear fuel for reprocessing.

The first-generation Magnox fuel, which consists of a bar of uranium metal contained in a magnesium alloy canister, is dealt with by stripping the canister from the fuel rod in Pond 5 before the rod is taken to a chemical preparation plant where it is disolved in order to extract the uranium and plutonium.

Dismantling of the more recently-introduced advanced gas-cooled reactor fuel, which consists of pellets of oxide arranged to form fuel pins, is a much more complicated operation.



Crown Prince Hiro of Japan taking his place in a mixed rowing eight on the Isis with friends from Merton College, Oxford, in a break from his two-year postgraduate course in English history. He has rowed a little in Japan.

'Natural' remedies threatened, makers say

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Herbal, homeopathic and other "natural" remedies are under threat from the Government's continuing review of medicines' safety and efficacy, the manufacturers of the remedies said yesterday.

The product licences of all drugs on the market in 1971 when the Medicines Act came into force are bing reviewed, and the Department of Health and Social Security has recently written to manufacturers of homeopathic remedies containing mercury, arsenic, antimony and sassafras asking for details of the formulations of products containing these substances to see if they should be modified.

The newly formed Natural Medicines Group, representing 39 manufacturers, said yesterday that it feared all natural medicines could be under threat from the reviews aimed at establishing the safety, quality and efficacy of the medicines.

The reason lies in the need to establish the efficacy of the remedies, many of which have not been subjected to controlled clinical trials.

Herbal, biochemic and anthroposophic remedies are due to be reviewed shortly, although the bulk of homeopathic remedies are not due for review until after 1990, the department said yesterday.

Fire chief is suspended after audit

Mr Trevor Slevin, aged 43, Chief Fire Officer of Derbyshire, was yesterday relieved of his command after internal audit inquiries

Mr Slevin is the third principal officer to be suspended by Derbyshire County Council in the past three years. Mr Colin Underwood, the Chief Surveyor, and Mr Alfred Parrish, the Chief Constable, have both been suspended

In neither case was there any suggestion of dishonesty.

Sale ends forestry dispute

By Ronald Faux

The Nature Conservancy Council has bought 10,000 acres of land in the Scottish Highlands where a commercial forestry company had planned to plant trees. The deal between the conservancy council and Fountain Forestry settles the controversy over the Creag Meagaidh Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

The conservationists regard the outcome as a victory; the foresters say an opportunity has been missed to establish a joint commercial forestry and conservation project on part of an SSSI that would have helped conservation and contributed to British timber production.

Fountain Forestry bought the land two years ago for £300,000 as bare mountain slope with stretches of native birchwood. The company said that one office of the conservancy council confirmed that forestry would be welcome, but another office, which proved to be responsible for the area, strongly resisted the plans. The land was renotified as an SSSI because it contained a spectrum of typical plant communities of the northern central Highlands unrivalled by any other side of its kind. Several other conservation and amenity bodies also objected.

● The 400 acres of the RAF arms depot camp at Chilmark, near Salisbury, have been declared a "site of special scientific interest" by the conservancy council.

Complaint on 'Standard' bombing report upheld

The Press Council, in an adjudication published yesterday, upheld a complaint by Camden Borough Council that *The Standard*, the London evening paper, misrepresented the position of the council's majority Labour group on the Brighton bombing, in a front page lead report headlined "What bomb outrage?"

The Press Council said that although the newspaper reported accurately the controversial views of one Labour councillor on the bombing, it did not make clear in its two early editions that Labour councillors had voted to condemn the bombing.

The early edition quoted a councillor, Mr John Wakeham, as saying: "I do not accept that the intention behind the bombing was wicked. I do not regard Mrs Thatcher as an innocent target."

The report said that left-wing Labour councillors in Camden had voted against a council motion condemning the IRA bomb outrage.

The last edition said that earlier in the evening the entire council unanimously approved a statement read by the mayor in which she condemned the bombing and expressed sympathy with the victims.

The Press Council's adjudication was:

Although *The Standard* reported accurately the controversial views of one Labour councillor on the Brighton bombing, it did not make clear in its two early editions that Labour councillors had voted to condemn the bombing.

The complaint against *The Standard* is upheld.

Teachers' action in 466 schools

The following is the list of the 466 schools which face disruption next week between March 26 and March 29 when the National Union of Teachers calls its last selective strikes before the Easter break. More than 355,000 children in England and Wales will be affected as the disruption increases.

CUMBRIA: Cockermouth Comp, Dowdales Comp, Dalton in Furness, Ehenside Comp, Ehelor Queen Katherine Comp, Workington: Stainburn Comp, Victoria High, Liverston, Whitehaven Comp, William Howard Comp, Brampton, Burnrude Prim, Kendal: Chapel Street Inf, Dalton: Dane Cty I Prim Barrow: Heusingham Jnr, Whitehaven, Victoria Inf Barrow

NEWCASTLE: Cosforth Park First: Holgate Prim, Cosforth East Mid: Cosforth H S

CHESHIRE: St Monica's RC P Warrington: St Gregory's RC High: St. Sankey High: English Martyrs RC High, Winwick CE P, St Peters RC P: St Josephs RC P, Appleton Hall High

LANCASHIRE: Lytham St Anne's High: Newton CE P: St Augustine's High, Ribble Vlly, Ribbleside High: St Michael and St John P, St James CE P Clitheroe: Broughton Hs Preston: Fulwood High.

MANCHESTER: Crosdey CP: St John CE P, Partwood High, Oakwood High: Poundwich High: Abram Moss Centre: Moston Brook High: Chapel St Prim: Ellen Wilkinson High

ST HELENS: Cowley High: Windlehurst CP: Selwyn Jones High: Grange Pk High: Richard Evans Jnr: Oakdene CP School: Sutton High: Thatto Heath Inf

BRADFORD: Ley Top First: Barley Mid: Rhodesway Upper: Belle Vue Boys Upper: Drummond Mid Lang Centre

HUMBERSIDE: Frederick Gough Comp, Scunthorpe: Brumby Comp: South Holderness Sch, South Hunsley Sch.

N YORKSHIRE: Wensleydale Sch: Joseph Rowntree Sch, York, Richmond Sch.

LEEDS: Little London P: Claypole Mid, Morley High Sch: Stainbeck Hs, Pudsethorpe Sch Mathew Murray High: Intake High, Kippax North Jnr S

BARNSLEY: Pennistone Gram: Charter Sch: Shawlands J and I, Dearne Highgate J and I, Wombwell Aldham J and I: St Helens Inf

ROTHERHAM: Maltby Crags Jnr: Whiston Worrygoose J and I, Aston Comp: Maltby Comp

LEICESTERSHIRE: Burleigh Coll, Loughborough: Delsale RC Sec: Loughborough: Carrenden Boys High, Loughborough: Woodbrook Vale HS, Loughborough: Thorpe Acre CJ, Loughborough: Rosebery CP, Loughborough: Moel Comm Coll: Leicester

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: Fareham Comp, Nottingham, Farnborough Comp, Nottingham: Farnwood Jnr, Nottingham: Carrington P, Nottingham: Forest Comp, Nottingham: Harry Carlton Comp, Rushcliffe: Brookside P, Rushcliffe: Lantern Lane P, Rushcliffe: Southwolds Comp, Keyworth: Mathew Holland Comp, Ashfield: Ashfield: Sutton Centre Comp, Ashfield: Broomhill Jnr, Ashfield: Queen Elizabeth Boys: Queen Elizabeth Girls.

LINCOLNSHIRE: St Wulframs CE S, Grantham: Central S, Grantham: Corby Grantham: Gelen P, Grantham: Blessed Hugh Moore Sec, Grantham: Mount St Cy Inf, Lincoln: Lowfields C J, Lincoln: Westgate C J, Lincoln: Skellingthorpe Rd CJ, Lincoln: Lincoln: Christs Hospital S, Ancaste High, LJ colin: Christs Hospital S, Lincoln City School, Lincoln: St Peter and St Paul RC, Lincoln: North Kesteven Comp, Lincoln: Robert Pattinson S, Lincoln.

NORTHANTS: Irchester Inf, Wellingborough: Wren Sch, Wellingborough, Woolaston Sch, Ruskin Jnr: Barwell P: Ruskin Inf, Weavers Sch: Carlo Barton Jnr

HEREFORD AND WORCESTER: Catshill Mid, Bayeroft Farm First, Bromsgrove, Avon Fields Mid, Bromsgrove: Droitwich High, Bromsgrove: North Bromsgrove High, Bromsgrove, North Bromsgrove High, Bromsgrove: Bewdley High, Kidderminster: Bromsgrove: Bewdley High, Kidderminster: St John's Haybridge High, Kidderminster, The Harry CE Mid, Kidderminster: Hanley Cheshire High, Kidderminster: Hanley Castle High, Malvern: Powick Prim, Malvern, The Grove Jnr, Malvern: The Woodrush High, Redditch: Bridley Moor High, Redditch, Arrow Vale High, Redditch: The Ridgeway Mid, Redditch, Wallwood Mid, Redditch, Lodge Farm Mid, Redditch, Dingleside Mid, Redditch: Holyoakes Field, Redditch: Batchley First, Redditch: Beoley First, Redditch: Pitchcroft Spec, Redditch

WOLVERHAMPTON: Smestow Comp: Coll Hills Comp: Parkfield Comp.

DUDLEY: Highbridge Prim, The Crestwood High: The Sir Gilbert Claughton High: The High: The Dormston High

SANDWELL: Warley High: Bristnall Hall High: Britannia High: Langley High: Heathfield High: Manor High.

SOLIHULL: St Anthony's RC J and I: Malvern Hall Comp: Culey Green Comp: Arden Comp: Sharman's Cross Spec: Colehill Heath Jnr: Keeper's Lodge J and I: Kingshurst Inf, Oak Cottage J and I: Windy Arbour J and I: Lady K Leveson's CE J and I: St Mary and St Margaret's CE J: Reynalds Cross Spec: Remedial Service f.c Woodlands Inf Sch: Meriden CE J and I.

COVENTRY: Alderman Callow Sec: Lyng Hall Sec, Whitley Abbey Sec: Edgwick Prim: Coundon Inf: Annie Osborn Prim: Our Lady of the Assumption Prim: Holyfast Prim.

SUFFOLK: Kirkley HS, Lowestoft: Denes HS, Lowestoft, Roman Hill mid, Lowestoft: Pakefield mid, Lowestoft.

HERTFORDSHIRE: Commonswood S, Stanborough Sec, Welwyn: Welwyn: Howard S Welwyn: Heronswood Sec, Welwyn: Peartree JMI, Welwyn: Cuffley Welwyn: Hillside Sec, Borehamwood: JMI, Welwyn: Sec, Borehamwood: Nicholas Hawksmoor Sec, Borehamwood

BEDFORDSHIRE: Eaton Bury Mid: Sam Whitbread Upper, Robert Bloomfield Mid: Sands: Upper, Burgoyne Mid: Alban Mid, Tavesham: St Edward Mid.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE: Comberton Meridan P, Melbourne Vill Coll: Cottenham CP, Bellsham Vill Coll, Waterbreach P: Sir Harry Smith Sec: Whitehead Vill Coll

ESSEX: Epping St John Sec: West Hatch HS, Buckhurst Hill CP: Waltham Holy Cross P, Chigwell CP, Davenant Foundation Sec.

NORFOLK: Blofield CP: Buxton CP: Drayton F and M: Hethersett Woodside F: Avenue First: Nelson First: Hellesdon Mid: Lakenham Mid: Old Catton, Garrick Grn, Ind: Catton Grove First, Tavesham, St Edward Mid.

Kent: Southlands Sch Romney: Sherwin Knight Jnr, Medway: Rede Sec Medway, Hoo Mid, Medway: Temple Boys Sec, Medway: Glencoe Inf, Medway: Ford PH C S, Medway: Hoo Prim Medway: Chattenden, Medway: Frank Montgomery Sec Canterbury: Barham Jnr, Canterbury: Herne Bay Sec, Canterbury: Simon Langton Girls Sec: Geoffrey Chaucer Sec, Canterbury: Chartham Sec, Canterbury: Sir William Nottidge Sec, Canterbury: Bridge Prim.

East Sussex: Bexhill College: St Richards Sec, Bexhill: Bexhill HS, Cavendish Sec, Eastbourne: Willington Trees CP, Eastbourne: Sidford Jnr, Eastbourne: Bishop Bell Sec, Eastbourne: Ratton Sec, Eastbourne: Silverdale CP: Hillcrest Sec, Helenswood Sec: Red Lak Prim.

SURREY: Merland Rise Mid, Banstead: North Park Sec, Banstead, De Burgh Sec, Banstead: St Mary's Mid SE: Oxted Sec SE: Epsom HS: Glyn Sch, Epsom.

WEST SUSSEX: Kings Manor Sec, Shoreham: Steyning Gram, Shoreham: Templers First, Shorrham: North Lancing F and M, Shorehams: Buckingham Mid: Fishergate First: Glebe Mid.

HAMPSHIRE: Velmead Jnr: Court Moor Sec

AVON: Cherry Garden P, Courtney P, Hanham Abbots P, Bradfield Edge P, St Annes P, Oldland: Samuel White Inf, Downend Sec: Filton Hill P, Charborough Road P, Chipping Sodbury Sec: Brimsham Green Sec: St Johns CE P, Chipping Sodbury: Abbotswood Jnr: Stanshawes Court Jnr: Rayshield Inf: St Mary's CE Yate: Crossways Jnr: Manor Brook Inf: Wilscombe P, E Clevedon P: St Peters P: Golden Valley P, St Francis P: St Katherines Comp: Western Comp: Christchurch P.

DEVON: Braunton Comp, N Devon: Dawlish Comp, Teignn and Dart: King Edward VI Totnes: Dartmouth Comp: Knowles Hill Sec, Newton Abbot: Bideford S

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SOMERSET: Castle Sch, Taunton: St Dunstans, Glastonbury: Frome College: Wadham Sch: Blake Sch: Blade Comp, Ridgewater: Haygrove Comp, Bridgewater.

BERKSHIRE: Battle P, Reading: Katesgrove P, Reading: Newtown P, Reading: Reading All: Wilson P, Reading: Denefield Sec: Highdown Sec: Lilliehalh Sec.

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RICHMOND: Vineyard Jnr: Rectory comp: Sheen comp: Teddington S Boys: Whitton Sec.

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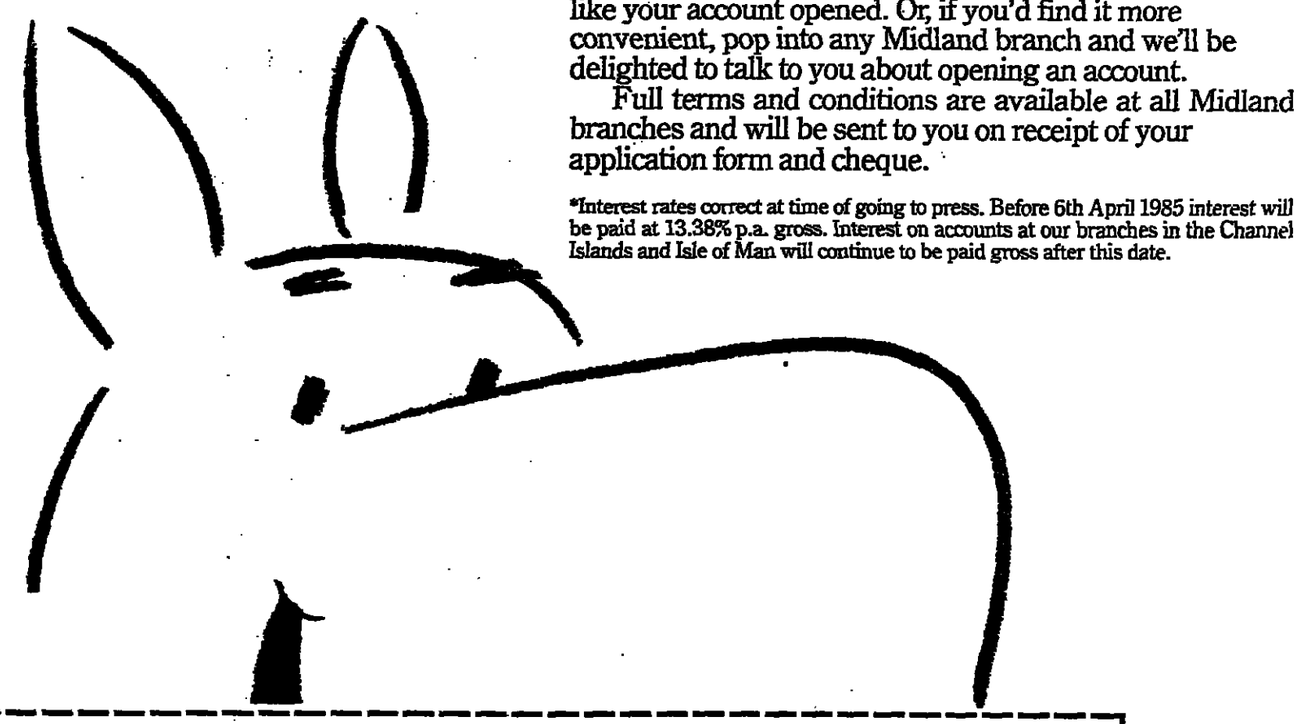
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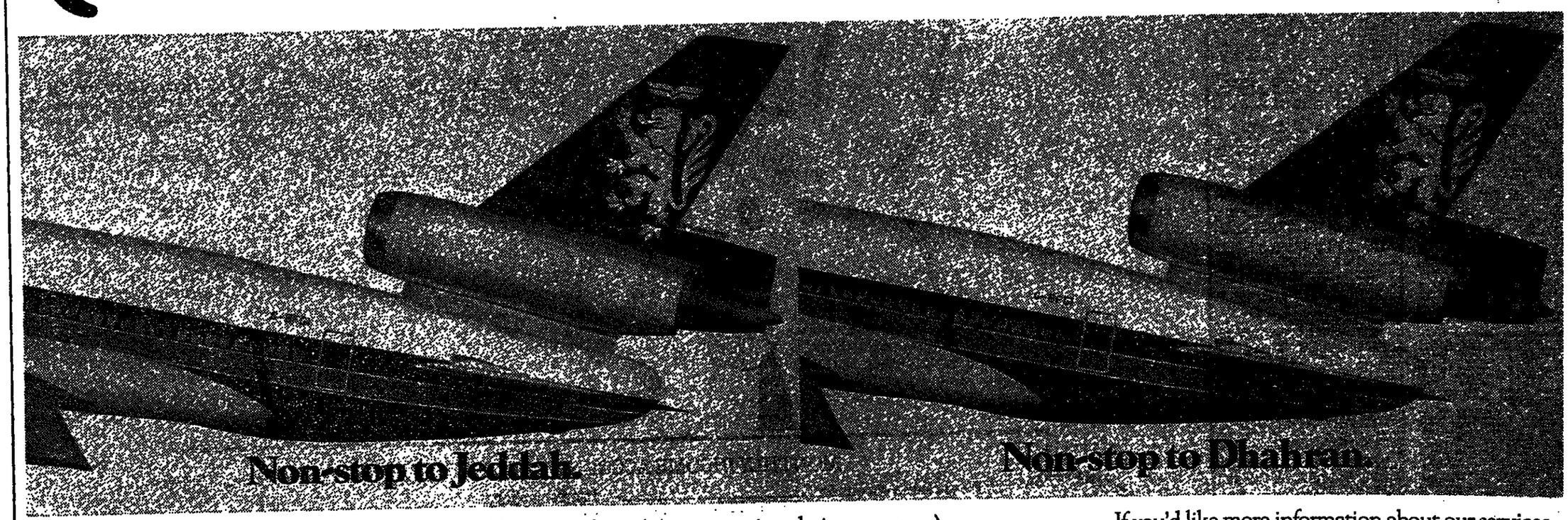
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Triumphant Reagan surges towards showdown on MX

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Encouraged by a larger than expected victory in the Senate, President Reagan yesterday renewed his lobbying campaign on behalf of the controversial MX missile system to try to ensure a favourable vote in the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives next week.

The Senate's 55-45 vote in favour of releasing $1.5 billion for the construction of 21 additional missiles was widely expected to tilt the balance in the President's favour in next week's showdown in the House.

However, the factions opposed to and in favour of the 10 warheaded missile remain fairly evenly balanced and the President will need to use all his powers of persuasion to ensure that the House follows the example set by the Senate.

The Senate vote was a personal triumph for the President who has spent much of the past fortnight lobbying senators that a defeat for the MX would undermine the US position at the arms control talks in Geneva. Seven senators dropped their earlier opposition as a result.

"Senators said they didn't want a failure at the Geneva talks on their consciences", remarked Senator Charles Mathias, a liberal Republican from Maryland, who swung in favour of the missile.

A triumphant President declared that the Seante vote was "a message of American resolve to the world".

Despite the affirmative vote, it is by no means certain that the Senate will approve additional funds for the missile when Congress votes on the fiscal 1986 defence budget later this year. The President has asked for $3.2 billion dollars for production of another 48 missiles in 1986.

Many Senators and Representatives oppose the MX on the grounds that it is too costly and too vulnerable and will not enhance US security.

● **MOSCOW ANGER:** Soviet official media condemned the Senate's decision calling it proof that the White House was not interested in reducing arms levels. Tass said the Senate was "bowing to strong pressure from the Administration and the military-industrial complex".



Making his day: President Reagan receives a tee-shirt on Capitol Hill before the MX missile vote.

Dutch drop euthanasia case against doctor

Rotterdam (Reuter) – A Rotterdam court yesterday dismissed a case against a doctor who ended the life of a patient suffering from liver cancer.

The case was the first of its kind since a Dutch Supreme Court ruling last November that medical ethics as well as legal statutes have to be considered in any prosecutions over euthanasia.

Dutch statutes prohibit mercy killing and before November, courts had made contradictory decisions.

Dismissing the case against Dr Ed Lammens, the Rotterdam court said the justification for ending the life of the patient outweighed statutes on the protection of life.

Dr Lammens, aged 34, who still works in a Rotterdam hospital, gave a patient, aged 72, a deadly injection of a powerful muscle relaxant in December 1983 after she repeatedly pleaded to be allowed to die.

The doctor had acted with the agreement of her family, the head nurse and social worker, evidence showed.

The court also fined Dr Lammens 500 guilders (about £123) for falsely declaring the death as natural.

The main ruling did not strictly establish a precedent under Dutch law, lawyers said. Some uncertainties remained and further cases concerning mercy killings could not be ruled out.

Martens fights off cruise critics

From Ian Murray
Brussels

The Belgian coalition government parties all but closed ranks yesterday in support of a decision by the Cabinet last week to allow deployment of cruise missiles. The strong anti-missile lobby will thus have to wait until the general election at the end of this year for its next chance to overturn the decision.

By 116 votes to 93 and with one abstention, Mr Wilfried Martens, Belgium's Prime Minister, won a vote of confidence on deployment. The split on the issue in his party, the Flemish Social Christians, was evident throughout the debate, but in the end only one member voted with the Socialist-led opposition.

That means Mr Martens can continue in power until the general election planned for December 8 without fear of having to fight off more censure motions. But the parliamentary debate showed how difficult it will be for him to hold his party together during the election campaign.

Young Social Christian militants were prominent in the demonstration against deployment held in Brussels last Sunday and the Socialist Party is canvassing their votes by making dismantlement of missiles in Belgium a condition for joining any government.

Howe condemned for Star Wars doubts

By Our Foreign Staff

The 1985 London conference on Communism and Liberal Democracy ended yesterday with rousing calls for the West to strengthen its defences, both military and ideological, against Soviet Communism.

Fierce criticism of European anti-Americanism came from Miss Midge Decter, of the Committee for the Free World, who said in a lunchtime address that the liberal democracies sit around criticizing American police in Nicaragua "like a group of long-nosed duennas". She went on to extol "a mood of national pride" in the US.

Throughout the conference there were repeated attacks on the speech given in London on Friday to the Royal United Services Institute by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, in which he criticized the US Strategic Defence Initiative missile-defence research project. Sir Geoffrey's critics included Mr Richard Perle, Assistant Secretary in the US Defence Department, who wryly alluded to his nickname "the Prince of Darkness" but none the less went on to emphasize the Reagan Administration's "seriousness" about arms control.

Dr Roger Scruton, of Birkbeck College, London University, singled out the Foreign Office and Balliol College, Oxford, as sources of confusion and "treachery".

Water leak blamed for Bhopal gas disaster

Banbury, Connecticut (AP) – An unusually large amount of water contaminated a storage tank and triggered a chemical reaction that released methyl isocyanate gas, killing more than 2,000 people at Union Carbide's plant in Bhopal, India, the company said yesterday.

In a highly technical report on the gas leak, which happened in December, Union Carbide officials said analysis of the residue in the tank showed that 120 to 240 gallons of water were inadvertently or deliberately introduced into the tank, increasing the pressure and temperature and causing a relief valve to burst.

Although the report did not try to assess blame for the accident, the company's chairman, Mr Warren Anderson, said operations at the plant were "not in compliance with standard operating procedure" at the time of the leak.

The reaction dramatically increased pressure and temperature inside the tank to as high as 200C and pressure to an average of 180lb per square inch, Mr Ron Van Mynen, company director of occupational health and personal safety, told a press conference. The tank normally operates under pressure of from 2 psi to 20 psi.

The reaction corroded the inside of the stainless steel tank and apparently burst open a relief valve, sending the gas into the air.

Mr Van Mynen said the company was "very confident of the findings" of the report, which was based on investigations conducted by seven scientists and engineers at Bhopal three days after the leak.

The report was based on two-and-a-half months of scientific inquiry supported by more than 500 laboratory experiments. Mr Anderson said: "I believe these results will withstand careful scrutiny."

● **SURVIVAL AID:** Many who died in the disaster could have escaped if Union Carbide had issued simple safety guidelines to local residents, an expert in industrial hazards said (our Science Correspondent writes).

The accident could have been prevented with some safety measures. It was "crazy" to have 120 tonnes of methyl isocyanate stored on the site for two months before the accident, Dr David Lihou said yesterday at a Royal Society of Chemistry symposium at Aston University, Birmingham.

Alfonsin's appeal on Falklands

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Alfonsin of Argentina told a joint session of Congress yesterday that the territorial dispute with Britain over the Falklands, the South Sandwich Islands and South Georgia "nourishes a situation of tension". He called for direct negotiations with Britain.

Speaking on the final day of a three-day state visit to the US, he said: "Our will to resolve the question of sovereignty by means of a frank and complete dialogue with the Government of the United Kingdom – which will include the legitimate interests of the island population – will not be altered, despite the reiterated British refusals to engage in negotiations on the substance of the issue."

He implied that the continuing dispute could lead the entire South Atlantic region into a broader East-West confrontation. "The delay in solving this controversy produces international intranquility, for it nourishes a situation of tension, it creates a critical focal point in the South Atlantic, and the danger that both our territory as well as the area in general will find itself involved in strategic plans alien to our region."

President Reagan, who discussed the Falklands issue with President Alfonsin at the White House on Tuesday, is determined not to become involved in the dispute. The United States took Britain's side during the Falklands War in 1982 and President Alfonsin has been feted in an attempt to put relations back on firmer ground.

President Alfonsin made it clear that Argentina's conviction about its "rights" in the disputed territories, would not diminish with time. He emphasized that Argentina sought a peaceful solution, and cited the recent negotiated resolution of the territorial dispute with Chile.

He told Congress that the Contadora group – Colombia, Venezuela, Panama and Mexico – was the "appropriate mechanism" for finding a solution in central America.

Ministers in five-day EEC slog

Brussels – EEC Foreign Ministers will set a new Community record today by continuing to meet for a fifth consecutive day (Ian Murray writes). They are struggling to complete negotiations to bring Spain and Portugal into the Community.

Diplomats involved in the talks were grimly optimistic last night that the meeting would succeed in settling the entry terms. The negotiations were now too technical and involved to be passed on to next week's summit meeting.

Castro denies drugs traffic

New York (Reuter) – President Fidel Castro denied that Cuba is involved in drug peddling. U.S. charges to that effect were lies, he said in an interview in Havana. All ships and planes carrying drugs that landed in Cuba were seized.

The US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, has accused Cuba, Nicaragua and other communist countries of smuggling drugs into the US.

VIP's visit

Gütersloh, (AFP) – President Richard von Weizsäcker paid an official visit to the British Forces in Germany here. The welcome included the Band of RAF Germany, reformed after 19 musicians died in a crash.

Cow rescue

Bonn (Reuter) – Hindus have appealed to West Germany to send unwanted dairy cows to India instead of the abattoir, the Farms Ministry said. It could not confirm reports that 100,000 cows might be exported to India because of EEC milk cuts.

Million man

Peking (AFP) – Remains of an elephant found among ash and coal in Hubei province included a tusk about a million years old. The signs of a feast also suggested that Peking Man, dating back half a million years, was not China's earliest inhabitant.

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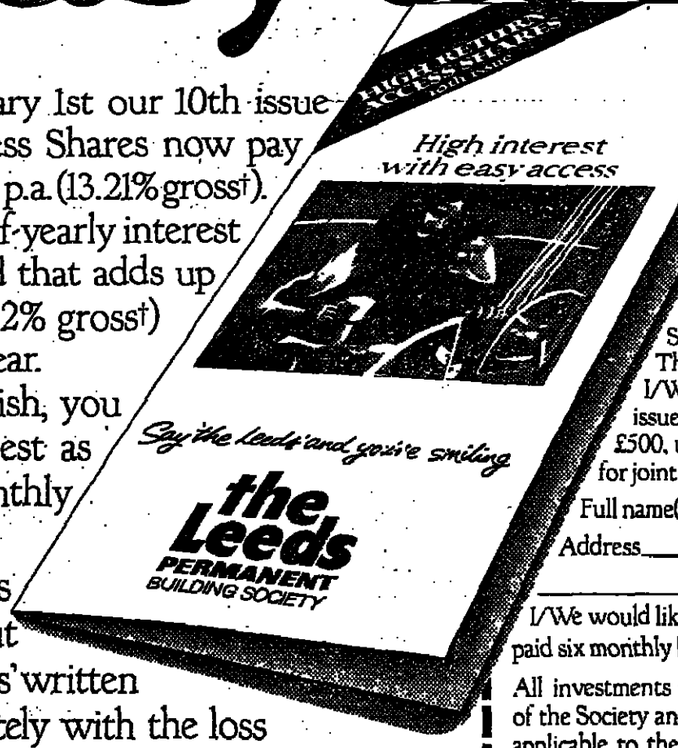
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Airlines suspend Gulf flights after war zone warning

Bahrain (Reuter) – Civilian airlines are taking seriously threats by Iran and Iraq to make air space in the Gulf region insecure, but although some have suspended flights there is no great alarm, aviation sources in the area said.

"We must just sit tight and see what happens. At present, we do not see widespread disruptions", one source said.

Iraq has declared Iranian air space a war zone, effective from Tuesday. It said it could not guarantee the security of civilian airliners over Iran from Tuesday evening, which caused a scramble for seats at Tehran airport.

Within hours of the Iraqi declaration, M.r Hussein Mousavi, the Iranian Prime Minister, said Baghdad airport could be attacked and that insecurity of air space could extend elsewhere in the region.

Airlines which have temporarily stopped flights to Baghdad and Tehran include Alitalia, Air India, British Airways, Turkish Airlines and Swissair.

Aviation sources in the Gulf said they saw no immediate danger to flights between the Far East and Europe which refuel at Bahrain.

Iraq kept up air attacks on Iranian cities yesterday as two senior Indian envoys flew to Baghdad in renewed efforts to end the war.

Iraqi planes attacked the Gulf port of Bushehr and the provincial cities of Isfahan and Kermanshah, a military spokesman said in Baghdad. Five Iranian cities were raided on Tuesday.

Diplomats in Baghdad reported a big explosion at Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal in the northern Gulf which they said killed 12 people and destroyed at least one oil storage tank.

The envoys sent by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, who is current chairman of the non-aligned movement, will also visit Tehran, an Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman said.

In the Hague, the Dutch post office said yesterday automatic telephone services from the Netherlands to Iraq had been suspended on Tuesday by Iraq. A spokesman said no reason had been given.

In Tehran the eve of the Iranian new year was celebrated with firecrackers and bonfires yesterday despite Iraqi air raids on other cities.

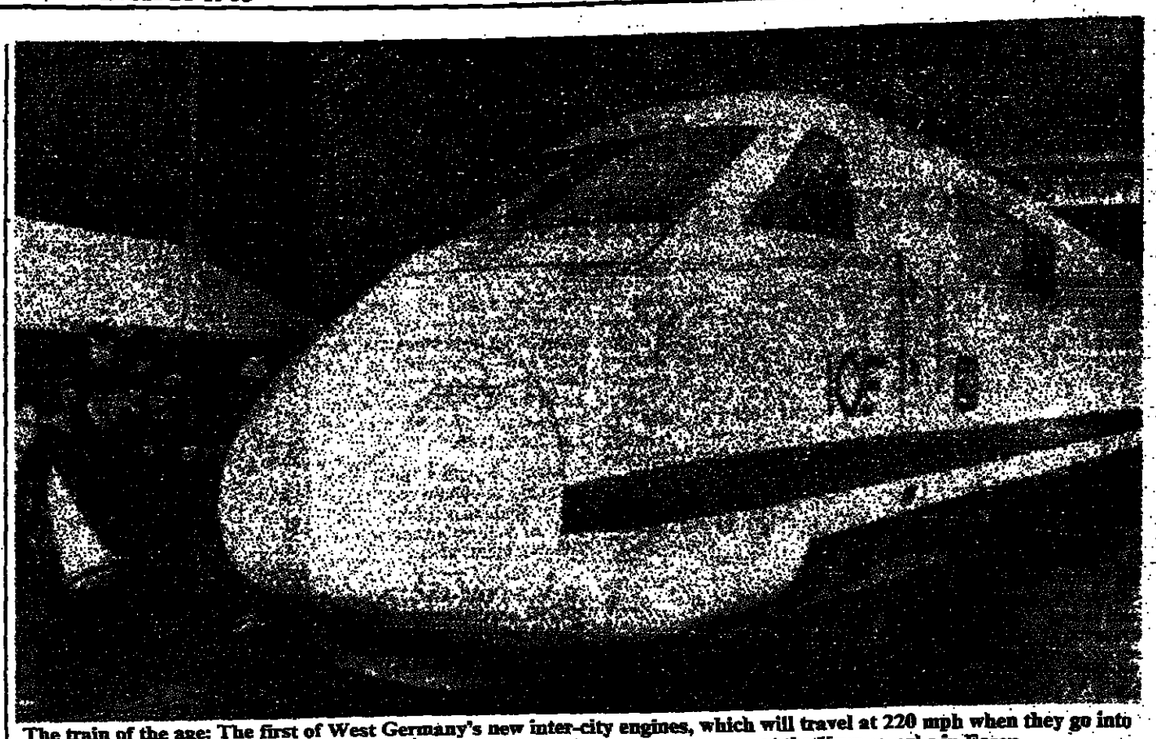
As the pandemonium which preceded the last foreign evacuation flights on Tuesday subsided, the city passed a peaceful night free of air raids.

Iran meanwhile maintained an official silence on the results of a week of heavy fighting in the marshes of southeast Iraq.

● **WASHINGTON:** Iran has suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of Iraq which has successfully repelled the massive Iranian offensive launched a week ago, according to senior Reagan Administration officials (Nicholas Ashford writes).

The officials, quoting information from diplomats in the region as well as from spy satellites, said most of the 30,000 to 50,000 soldiers which Iran had thrown into battle had been killed, wounded or captured.

Iraq's success could tilt the balance in the war decisively in its favour.



The train of the age: The first of West Germany's new inter-city engines, which will travel at 220 mph when they go into service in the 1990s, has been delivered to the state railway company at the Krupp works in Essen.

Sniper fire shatters the lull in Sidon

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

With President Gemayel about to travel to Damascus for talks with President Assad, fighting between Phalangist militiamen and Lebanese Government troops in Sidon died down temporarily yesterday with only occasional shell explosions and sniper fire interrupting a midday ceasefire.

Mr Gemayel was hosting a Cabinet meeting during the day to discuss the crisis in the southern city in which soldiers of the 98th Army Brigade have been joined by Sunni and Shia Muslim gunmen in their battle against Christian militiamen.

In the early afternoon, both sides began firing rocket propelled grenades at each other across the front line just east of Sidon city centre where a church and a disused militia position now mark the point where Christians and Muslims face each other.

It could not have escaped the Cabinet's attention – any more than it has the Phalangists – that most of the 98th Brigade's men come from the Tripoli region where the majority Sunni Muslim population sympathizes with Muslim sentiment in Sidon. But at least the Cabinet has been assured that the number of Muslim refugees driven out of their homes – which one news agency erroneously claimed totalled more than 20,000 – has still not risen above a few hundred.

The fighting in Sidon – in which at least 10 people have been killed and more than 40 wounded – appears to have had some effect on the guerrilla war against the Israeli army further south.

The Lebanese Cabinet was also discussing the incident in southern Lebanon on Tuesday in which, according to the United Nations, pro-Israeli militiamen deliberately used more than 40 schoolchildren as a human shield in front of their gun positions while confronting Irish UN troops.

Irish officers suspect that the Israelis are deliberately trying to create problems in their battalion area because they wish to set up a new front line through the UN zone in southern Lebanon, a line that may run through the Irish battalion headquarters town of Tibnin.

Confrontations between Irish troops and Israel's proxy Lebanese gunmen are now an almost daily occurrence, just as they were five years ago when Irish soldiers fought Major Saad Haddad's unruly militia which was also paid for, supplied and armed by Israel.

UN spells out high cost of Israel's 'iron fist' policy

From Christopher Walker, Burj Rahal, southern Lebanon

Israel's attempt to subdue the Shia Muslim majority of southern Lebanon by its "iron fist" security policy appears to have failed. United Nations figures released to *The Times* yesterday show that in the first month of its operation, the daily average of attacks against Israeli soldiers has doubled, with 17 killed furing the first 17 days of March.

The statistics are confirmed by others obtained from Israeli military cources which showed that by the middle of this month the Israelis had been attacked 160 times – more than the total of attacks suffered during the whole of February, the month when the crackdown was ordered by the Government.

A UN source said: "The figures back up the argument that has been put forward from the outset – that such a policy would only increase the resistance among local Muslims. Repeated raids on villages largely for the men doing the fighting."

Because of the increasing frequency of ambushes and kamikaze attacks the nervousness of the Israeli troops has reached a pitch where even their own plainclothes security men can be seen waving Hebrew signs from the windows of the unmarked civilian cars, imploring the soldiers not to shoot them.

The cars used by the man from Sitin Bet, Israel's equivalent of MI5, often switch from Israeli to Lebanese plates when they cross the border.

The danger of travelling on the roads here is now so great that they remain eerily empty at all time, except for UN traffic and the occasional Israeli patrol. UN troops have been issued with special instructions ordering them to drive at a distance of 500 yards from any Israeli vehicle, to avoid being caught in an ambulance.

Beside the roads are acres of citrus orchards where the trees are heavy with ripe, unpicked fruit – previously the source of many local livelihoods." The people no longer dare to go out into the fields to pick it, so it just stays there and rots," explained a UN official. That is another source of festering local resentment.

In this tiny Shia village, dominated by a mosque plastered with posters of the Ayatollah Khomeini, the ruins of five sizeable Lebanese homes recently demolished by the Israeli Army are clearly visible around the main square. In one, I found a family of nine still living in a single room that had escaped destruction when the House was bulldozed.

The owner, Mr Joseph Krais, a stooped man in his early 70s, clambered uneasily over piles of rubble to point out where he claimed Israeli soldiers had chopped up his furniture with an axe. "They did it because my son Ali was in the Amal movement," he said, while his wife screamed anti-Israeli abuse.

I toured the village with a UN escort – shops were shuttered, schools closed, streets deserted and there were virtually no young men over the age of 15. I was told that many had escaped to the north, while others lived during the day in hidden caves.

Managua evacuates border villages

Jinotega, (NYT)–The Nicaraguan Government has begun the forced evacuation of thousands of peasants from the countryside in a drive to deny local support to rebels operating in the north, according to evacuees and international relief agency officials.

The programme has two objectives, according to Sandinista officials here and Western diplomats in Managua who specialize in military matters. The first is to deprive the rebels of material support and intelligence by removing relatives and neighbours sympathetic to them from war zones.

Equally important is the creation of free-fire zones where the Sandinista Peoples Army can operate freely.

President Daniel Ortega made the resettlement programme public in a speech on March 10, saying that up to 7,000 families would be affected this year.

Recently, the Sandinistas have ordered the evacuation of nearly 20,000 peasants living in the provinces of Rio San Juan and Zelaya in the south. The currant relocation programme however, appears to eclipse those earlier efforts.

● **RIO DE JANEIRO:** President Ortega said here that there were only 786 Cuban military advisers in his country and not 8,000 as claimed by the US. He said that there were 1,500 Cuban advisers, both military and non-military, in Nicaragua.

EEC broods over battery hens

From Ian Murray, Brussels

How big should the cage be for the 240 million battery chickens who lay most of the eggs for the 270 million EEC inhabitants?

That is the question the European Commission has been brooding on for months and at last it has hatched a report which will give agriculture ministers food for thought when they meet next week.

It seems that the average battery hen spends her life in a cage with a floor area about the size of a sheet of foolscap and 400 cubic centimetres in which to turn round. The commission has been studying the cost and effect of increasing this living room to either 450 cubic centimetres or to a luxurious 500 cubic centimetres.

Bringing in bigger cages would need to be be phased over seven or eight years with addtitional costs for construction, equipment and land rising by 12.5 per cent of 25 per cent – depending on which size was chosen.

With their pocket calculators working overtime, the commission has worked out that this would amount to an additional cost of respectively 1.13 European Currency Unit (about 68p) or 2.23 ECU per hen.

In most member-states between 80 and 95 per cent of the chicken population lives in batteries. The French hen is relatively better off, with "only" 64 per cent in cages. Greek hens are most liberated, with only 13 per cent not running free.

The European Commission has funded three research programmes on hens, including one to define "the social space requirement of poultry", one on behaviour patterns when nesting and one on alternative or improved systems. It believes more research work is needed.

At all events, it will not be before the middle of the next decade – several hen generations from now – before agreed standards are introduced.

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Safety to be top priority for new chief of Spain's troubled airline

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Narcis Andreu, the new chairman of Iberia, has promised that his first priority will be air safety. He puts this before getting Spain's troubled state-owned national airline out of the red.

As he made his pledge Señor Enrique Baron, the Transport Minister, emphasized that the airline had to catch up on the restructuring which most of the world's airlines had accomplished already. He envisaged, as part of a shake-up, that Iberia would lose its monopoly, by setting up regional airlines.

Señor Andreu, a former bank executive, and Socialist Party member, takes on an airline with an image tarnished and staff demoralized by 241 passenger and crew deaths in less than 15 months and losses last year of 16,967 million pesetas (more than £84 million).

He told Iberia's 24,000 staff that there had to be discipline and hard work, but offered dialogue before putting through reforms.

Experts say the chief changes required are establishing control over Iberia's pilots, introducing effective accounting and making better use of the fleet.

Señor Baron declined to resign after the crashes because the Transport Minister has no executive authority over Iberia. Ending the in-fighting between the ministries of Transport and Industry (which owns Iberia through a public holding concern) over who controls the airline looks to be the basis of any effective shake-up.

Señor Andreu's biggest challenge probably lies with the pilots and their professional organization. In spite of being accused by Iberia of "grave acts of indiscipline" during last summer's one-month pilots' strike, all 10 pilots who were dismissed were ordered to be reinstated by magistrates of the labour courts, a hangover from the Franco era.

That judgement, widely regarded as political, finally broke the authority of Señor Carlos Espinosa, Señor Andreu's predecessor, appointed after the Socialists took office in 1982.

The pilots had struck after their association, Sepla, refused to accept the Espinosa restructuring programme for laying off 40 of them and improving productivity among the rest of Iberia's more than 850 highly-paid pilots.

The Sepla leaders' battle had political overtones against a Socialist government and was backed by Spain's employers' confederation.

Señor Felipe González, Spain's Prime Minister, ended the strike by ordering compulsory arbitration.

Iberia's management has blamed, not its lack of a businesslike approach, but external factors – fuel prices, the dollar, and loss of the key Latin American markets – as the causes of the financial crisis. Government accountants' checks have revealed that Iberia did not know what its assets were, even re-purchasing equipment it had in stock.

One of the leaders of last summer's strike was José Luis Patiño Arostide, Viscount of Perellos, and pilot of the Iberia Boeing which crashed into a mountainside with the loss of 148 passengers and crew on February 19.

He was dismissed during the dispute for allegedly physically attacking a pilot who declined to join the strike.

He was one of the 10 sacked pilots ordered to be reinstated. He resumed flying one month before the crash, having passed a refresher course.

Jumbo-size Easter egg for the Pope



Easter offering: The Pope welcomes with open arms a giant beribboned chocolate Easter egg gingerly presented to him as a gift from the faithful during the Pontiff's traditional Wednesday general audience in St Peter's.

UK votes against rights court merger

From Our Correspondent
Vienna

Britain was as anxious to speed up and improve procedures at the European Commission of Human Rights as any member of the Council of Europe, Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, said yesterday in Vienna during the final day of the first European ministerial conference on human rights.

The British delegation voted against the Swiss proposal recommending the merger of the Court of Human Rights and the commission. Mr Raison pointed out that this was because he felt the commission had an important role in filtering cases to the court.

"We are worried that if commission and court are merged greater delays would result," he said.

Mr Raison's remarks, did not allay suspicions among some observers that the United Kingdom was dragging its feet in response to reforms.

The paper which aroused most interest was delivered by M Robert Badinter, the French Minister of Justice, who called for legislation to protect surrogate mothers from the danger of commercialism.

M Badinter warned biological progress in genetics heralded radical changes in man's relationship with his body and future destiny.

Sri Lanka anger at Thatcher date

Colombo (Reuter) – Mr Dinesh Gunarawardena, leader of the opposition People's Liberation Front, has objected to a planned address to the Sri Lanka Parliament by Mrs Thatcher on April 13, which is New Year's Day for the country's Sinhalese and Tamil peoples.

"We are not opposed to Mrs Thatcher addressing Parliament," he said. But it should not take place on the Sinhala and Hindu New Year's Day as it will conflict with the national and cultural aspirations of the people."

Mrs Thatcher is due visit Sri Lanka from April 11 to 13 during a six-nation Asian tour.

● **UNION CURBS:** The Cabinet yesterday decided to curb "anti-national activities" by trade unions including strikes, go-slows, or overtime bans (Our Colombo Correspondent writes).

Mr Anandatissa de Alwis the Cabinet spokesman, said minister felt that because of conditions in the north and east where Tamil rebels are fighting for a seperate state, trade unions which disrupted the life of the country were obstructing state activities at a time of crisis.

The Minister of Nationa Security, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali as ordered the immediate release of 209 men at Boosa detention camp. He said the cases of suspects below the age of 18 should be given priority in investigations which should be conducted in Tamil as well as Sinhalese or English.

Rajiv sends minister to Gujarat

From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India, yesterday described the situation in Ahmadabad, Gujarat, in which nine people have died from police fire as serious. He has sent Mr S B Chavan, Home Minister, there to study the anti-reservation trouble.

The Army is patrolling the area and reports said 15 injured people had been admitted to hospital.

Trouble started three days ago over the State's reservation policy, under which admissions to colleges for the backward classes has been increased by 28 per cent to 49 per cent. Some of the people who have been given reservations have made good economically in the past few years but they continue to be a vote-bank of the Congress (I).

This is not the first time that the State has seen anti-reservation riots. Three years ago upper caste students stirred when their admission quota to medical and engineering colleges was reduced.

EEC alarm at rise in racialism

From Ian Murray
Brussels

A weight of evidence showed that there was a rise in racialism and fascism in Europe, Mr Glyn Ford, the Labour MEP who is the chairman of the European parliament's committee of inquiry into the subject, said here yesterday.

He was summing up after the last public hearing of the committee, which is to report this summer. Evidence showed there had been "an alarming rise" in racialism in Britain and France, while fascism was most serious in Italy.

One aspect to be examined in Britain was the relationship between soccer violence and racialism. The two seemed to be closely linked, he said, even if soccer hooligans were not necessarily card-carrying members of any particular organization.

Mr Derek Prag, the Conservative vice-chairman of the committee, said the evidence had shown how similar the problem was all over Europe

Police end protest fast by Albanian refugees

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Riot police moved in yesterday to end a 23-day hunger strike by two ethnic Greek refugees from Albania who had camped outside the Albanian Embassy to press a demand that their families be allowed to join them in Greece.

The move came after 200 supporters of the hunger strikers, Mr Elias Lekkas, aged 34, and his uncle, Mr Spyros Lekkas, aged 47, attacked the embassy, damaging five diplomatic cars, and apparently tried to set the embassy garage on fire.

The two men were moved to hospital to be force-fed. Police removed their tent and tore up banners strung across the street.

A year ago, the same refugees were beaten-up during a similar hunger strike. The police action evoked such sympathy for them that Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, had to warn the Albanians publicly that his Government would not tolerate human rights violations against the Greek minority in that country.

Recent contacts between the two governments, however, have indicated that Greece expects living conditions for the minority to improve because of better bilateral relations

Britain denies role in Belize drugs war

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence yesterday denied that British forces stationed in Belize were assisting in the campaign against the production of marijuana.

A spokesman for the Ministry said the role of the garrison was to assist in the defence of Belize against external aggression and help in training the Belizean defence force. It played no part in internal security, which was a Belizean responsibility, or in anti-drug operations.

If British forces discovered any illicit activity, including drugs, they reported it to the Belize authorities, and it was always those authorities which took any necessary action.

The Ministry was responding to a recent report that British troops had become involved in a crack-down on the growing of marijuana.

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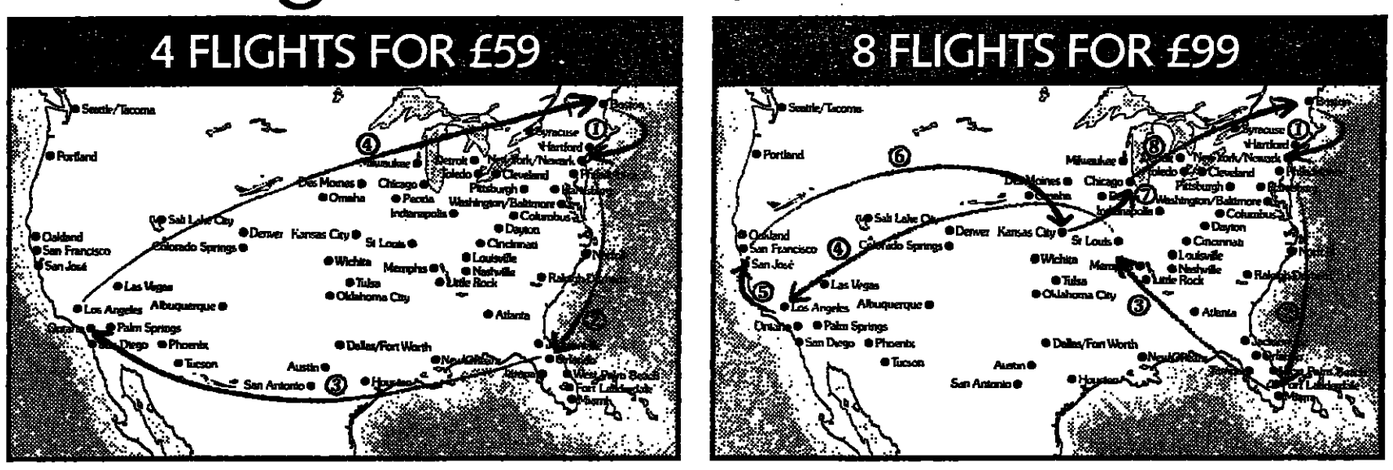
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Police smear alleged as Dr Allan Boesak is cleared of adultery

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A leading black South African clergyman and campaigner against apartheid, Dr Allan Boesak, was exonerated yesterday by the regional authority of his church of having had an extra-marital affair with a white woman and allowed to resume his official duties.

Last month Dr Boesak was suspended as Assessor, the second highest official of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Sendingkerk (NGSK), the mixed-race coloured wing of the white Dutch Reformed Church by the Ring, as the regional authority is known.

This meant that Dr Boesak, who is also President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, which embraces 70 million Protestants of Presbyterian and Congregational churches, could not teach, preach or serve the sacraments.

After a heated all-night meeting, at which Dr Boesak was called to give evidence, the Ring issued a short statement saying that it "rejects the rumours [about an affair] and Dr Boesak is therefore free to resume his official duties".

Dr Boesak said after the ruling: "This Sunday I will be back in the pulpit. One of the most gratifying things to come out of the whole affair is that I now have more support than ever. I will continue to fight the Government at every level."

Meanwhile, a senior security police officer admitted yesterday that "in certain circumstances" it was in the interest of the police to disseminate false information to discredit leaders of subversive organizations.



Dr Boesak: Will fight Government at every level

The admission was made by Brigadier Johan van der Merwe, the second-in-command of the security police, during the third day of a hearing by the Media Council, South Africa's equivalent of Britain's Press Council, of police complaints against *The Star*, Johannesburg's evening newspaper.

The police allege that last January *The Star* falsely reported that two security police colonels had admitted taking part in a smear campaign to discredit Dr Boesak.

According to *The Star*, the colonels had been involved in the dissemination of anonymous pamphlets and tape-recordings, one of which purported to be of Dr Boesak and Miss Melanie Scott, a former employee of the South African Council of Churches, in an hotel bedroom.

Brigadier van der Merwe said he did not consider it immoral to spread false information about leaders of subversive organisations so long as this did not affect the morals of the community which the security police served.

● **REPEAL DEMAND:** The American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa has called on the South African Government to repeal all discriminatory legislation and hold talks with all political parties and race groups to find "an appropriate political formula".

The Chamber, which represents 300 American firms doing business in South Africa, says that all banned, exiled or imprisoned political leaders should be freed, and their organisations made legal, so they can be included in such negotiations.



Ringing the changes: Chancellor Kohl of West Germany opening his CDU party's congress in Essen yesterday

Zimbabwe set for a record maize crop of 3m tonnes

From Jan Raath, Harare

Zimbabwe's farmers are about to deliver one of their biggest grain harvests.

According to Senator Denis Norman, the Minister of Agriculture, a total of three million tonnes of maize, Zimbabwe's staple crop, will be harvested when the drawn-out reaping finishes, in about August.

The crop will certainly be their biggest produced by the country's 900,000 peasant farmers. Senator Norman, in an interview with *The Herald*, Zimbabwe's main daily newspaper, said yesterday that they were expected to produce some two million tonnes, half of which would be marketed and the remainder held for domestic consumption.

Last year the peasant farmers marketed 380,000 tonnes and saved the Government from having to spend £14 million on food imports. Since independence, peasant production has fifteenfold.

The 4,000 commercial farmers, mostly whites who live on nearly half of the available agricultural land, are also likely to produce a million tonnes for marketing.

Senator Norman said about 900,000 tonnes of the maize harvested would go towards meeting local demand, keeping strategic reserves at a high level.

He confirmed that Zimbabwe had begun negotiations with South Africa, which has just come through serious drought in many of its main growing areas. However, the South Africans were reviewing their needs after late rain which may enable the country to meet its own consumption.

Botswana, Zambia, Mozambique and Angola were likely to need maize, he said. Zimbabwe had also been approached by international aid agencies. Local marketing agencies are known to be reluctant to do business with aid agencies because of the lower price paid.

Senator Norman attributed the massive increase in peasant production to the abundant rains which broke three years of drought and to a package consisting of a good price, financing made available to small-scale producers, training programmes and the use of fertilizers, pesticide and hybrid seed. Without such back-up, the rains would have been wasted.

Wheat production this year is also likely to reach a record. More land than ever before had been devoted to this winter cereal, which is grown almost exclusively under irrigation.

CENTRAL AFRICAN MAIZE PRODUCTION

Angola	260,000 tonnes
Botswana	2,000 tonnes
Mozambique	220,000 tonnes
Zaire	680,000 tonnes
Zambia	872,000 tonnes
Zimbabwe	1,500,000 tonnes

*Latest FAO estimates for 1984 harvest.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

The State Department has wisely denied that Sir Geoffrey Howe's controversial speech on the strategic defence initiative implies a major division between the United States and Britain. Wisely, but not accurately. There would be no sense in allowing the disagreement between the two governments to develop into a public brawl. But this issue presents the alliance with one of the most serious challenges to its cohesion that it has ever faced.

Sir Geoffrey warned in his speech against the danger of a research programme acquiring such momentum that deployment follows automatically even if it is not justified by the research. "We must take care," he said, "that political decisions are not pre-empted by the march of technology, still less by premature attempts to predict the route of that march."

That warning seems to me both fair and necessary. There is a risk of so much money and so many political expectations being invested in a programme that it becomes extemely difficult to stop. What is needed at this stage is research with an open mind.

But Sir Geoffrey did not stop there. While explicitly approving research on SDI, he implicitly undermined the intellectual basis for carrying out that research.

"The history of weapons development and the strategic balance shows only too clearly," he argued, "that research into new weapons and study of their strategic implications must go hand in hand." He then proceeded to pose a series of questions about the strategic implications of SDI which make it hard to believe that he could regard deployment as justifiable whatever the results of research.

That British ministers have such misgivings is no surprise. It was clear from the delicate phrasing of Mrs Thatcher's speech to Congress last month that agreement was not total. She was carefully laying down markers for the future.

It would be a mistake therefore to imagine that Sir Geoffrey might have got out of step with the Prime Minister. His speech was specifically cleared with No 10 before delivery. But while it does not indicate a shift in the Government's thinking, it does represent a change in its diplomatic tactics.

Danger for the alliance

Mrs Thatcher's line hitherto has been to combine public support with private warning. That has always seemed to me to be right. The more she was a friend in public, the more likely was her candour to carry weight in private. Why then has Sir Geoffrey chosen to go public with his warning?

The most likely explanation is that he feared British reservations were passing unnoticed. The British Government was being associated only with the Prime Minister's fulsome tributes to the President. But such an abrupt change of tactics leaves the Government vulnerable to the charge of unreliability, of singing one tune while Mrs Thatcher is in Washington and a very different one when she gets away.

The position that has now been reached is fraught with danger for the alliance. The Reagan administration is giving the impression that it assumes the research on SDI will be positive; the British Government is giving the impression that it assumes it will be negative. That spells trouble.

It could be even worse in a year or so when the United States wants to proceed to tests on SDI. The issue was not covered by the Thatcher-Reagan Camp David accord in December, which has already led to misunderstanding.

The most probable American line will be to justify testing on the grounds of Soviet violations of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty. I would never suggest that the West should just turn the other cheek when the Soviet Union infringes any agreement. But it will require a major exercise of American diplomacy to sell this argument to European opinion, and the Administration will carry more conviction if its leaders do not exaggerate the possibilities of SDI.

We cannot expect either government to say all that it means on this issue, but we can expect them to mean what they say. Does President Reagan really mean to eliminate nuclear weapons from the earth? And do British ministers really support research on SDI? The tragedy now is that each government is losing credibility in this field in the eyes of the other.

Bolivia uses troops to quell strike

La Paz (Reuter) – Bolivia's left-wing Government yesterday called out troops to prevent fresh street protests in the capital as a general strike entered its 13th day.

Señor Manuel Cardenas, the Defence Minister said the Army and Air Force had thrown a security cordon around La Paz at dawn to stop more miners joining thousands of their colleagues who halted traffic on Tuesday.

Police in La Paz were hoping to prevent the repetition of miners detonating sticks of dynamite in the centre of the city.

General Simon Sejas Tordoya, chief of the Armed Forces, had said the military would ensure President Hernan Siles Zuazo, who took office in October 1982, remained in power.

The president who is under opposition attack for his handling of the economy in which inflation is running at 3,400 per cent, has accused the powerful labour federation of staging the general strike to try to prevent elections due in June in which the right-wing is widely expected to win.

The Armed Forces pledge of loyalty comes after a call by the federation's leader, Señor Juan Lechin for armed struggle to back union demands that the Government has said it cannot meet.

President Siles Zuazo said an inflation-linked minimum wage sought by the labour movement would open the floodgates of inflation and told trade unionists that the Government would not tolerate further unrest.

The tone contrasted sharply with statements he made in an interview with the Argentine daily *La Nacion*, in which he said he was proud of never having resorted to the armed forces to stifle protests.

Gangster accuses spy chief

Taipei (Reuter) – A gang leader said yesterday that the chief of Taiwan's Military Intelligence Bureau ordered him to kill a Chinese-American writer in California last year.

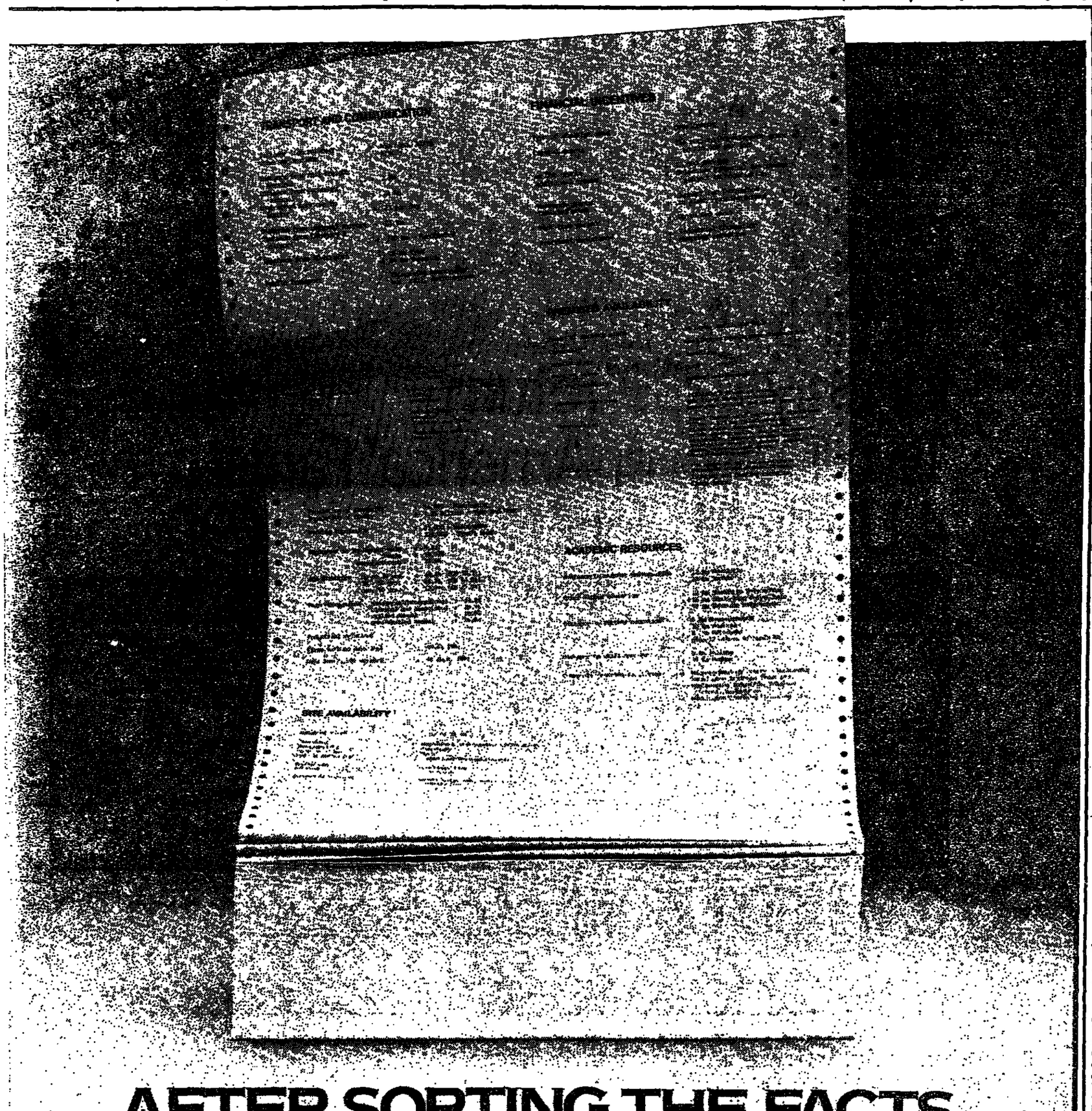
Chen Chi-li, leader of the Bamboo Union gang, told a court here that the bureau chief, Vice-Admiral Wang Hse-ling, said the dissident writer was a double agent and should be eliminated. Mr Chen said that despite Admiral Wang's order he had decided only that the writer should be given "a lesson". However, the author had been killed by accident after a struggle.

"Wang told me at first to teach Henry Liu a lesson because he had written bad things about our country and President Chiang Ching-kuo," Mr Chen said.

"But in a later meeting Wang called Liu a traitor. He said he was trained as an undercover agent for Taiwan, but later betrayed several of our agents operating in mainland China to the Chinese communists."

Accusations of involvement by Taiwanese officials have strained ties with the United States. Admiral Wang and two other intelligence officials have been arrested in connection with the case and face trial by a military tribunal.

Liu, aged 52, was killed last October in Daly City, near San Francisco. Mr Chen and two other gangsters have been charged with murdering him. One has fled to the Philippines, and is being tried in his absence.



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Schoolmistress to the nation

The Times Profile: Baroness Warnock

What particularly gratifies your regular average talking celebrity is to choose a subject for a big occasion and then find as the day draws near that events conspire to make it more and more topical.

That is what has happened to Lady Warnock, but she is a trifle put out by it. Some months ago the BBC asked her to deliver the Dimbleby Lecture this week, and suggested that she speak on the obvious subject of test-tube babies – the theme of the still-controversial report of the committee of inquiry of which she was chairman.

"I was just utterly sick of embryos and all that, and I said no", she said. "But I wanted to get back into education and so I suggested talking about teachers". This was long before the start of the teachers' strike, which is spreading each week and she betrays a mild donnish unease at the possibility that people might think she chose the subject to jump on the publicity bandwagon.

The razzmatazz of headlines and photo-calls and sensational over-simplifications is visibly uncongenial to her. But it shows a certain instinct for issues of incipient public concern to stumble back into the limelight in the very act of trying to back away from it.

She means to attempt in her lecture to bring off the subtle two-hander of offering reinforcement to the teachers' bruised self-esteem and at the same time to warn them pretty sharply that the remedy is partly in their own hands and most certainly does not involve ditching the old principle of public service by going on strike.

She wants to see a more self-sufficient profession, with a steeper gradient of pay differentials to reward responsibility, and the creation of a governing council to oversee standards in training and practice.

"I just don't know what working mothers with young children do in the strike! I would be so angry", she exclaimed in her study at Girton College, Cambridge, a sunlit, white-carpeted room as tidy as her mind. She has the steady voice of those who think before they speak, and tends to preface her replies reassuringly with a ruminative and charitable "absolutely!" or "exactly!" She wore a summery white skirt and wide marmoset-style spectacles, and had a no-nonsense quiff of greying hair.

Her fastidious dislike of mess and love of clarity extends, in her native trade of philosophy, even to Sartre, whom she admires enough to call herself an existentialist. But the self-indulgences of his late *Critique of Dialectical Reason* caused her to exclaim that it was a "monster of unreadability. . . I feel it is positively *wrong* to write in such a way".

What draws her to the murky world of educational politics is something of a mystery. From her beginnings, she might have seemed cut out for a career among the ivory towers. Her Wykehamist family seems to have had a keen sense of intellectual patriciansship. "She comes of an extremely brilliant family", says Dame Josephine Barnes, who served on the embryo committee with her. "Her father was a housemaster at Winchester and her brother was Sir Duncan Wilson, who was Ambassador in Moscow."

Her father died before she was born, and her brother, much older, was often away, so she was brought up, as she has said, in a home that was "virtually man-free" the youngest of five children.

She read philosophy at Oxford and married a philosopher; in the same year each of them secured Oxford fellowships and settled down to teach philosophy.

Geoffrey Warnock is now Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University and she has just become Mistress of Girton College. Between them they bestride the Oxbridge scene as no married couple has done before – a domestic arrangement involving separations and logistic problems which she seems to take in her stride.

Since the early 1970s she has been enrolled in Whitehall's list of the great and the good, and she covered herself with glory last year by guiding the embryos' committee home in one piece. For these services she was made a Dame and a Life Baroness.

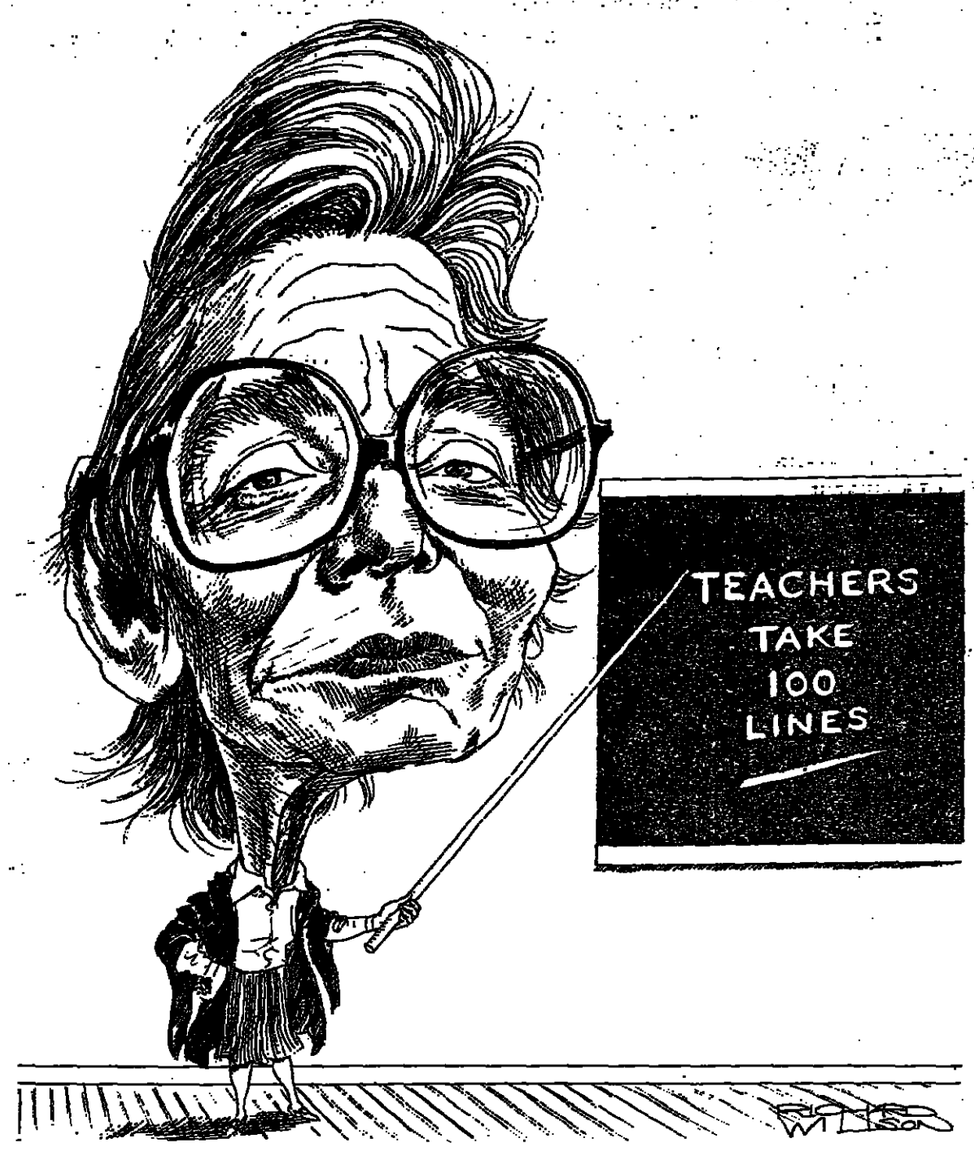
Summarised in these terms, the Warnocks' careers sound distinctly august and arcane, remote from children, homework, playgrounds and all the hardships endured by rank-and-file workers at the chalk-face.

To fill out the impression, it is necessary to add that they had no fewer than five "extremely loquacious" children (now grown up), and that as an undergraduate during the war Mary Wilson, as she was then, had been hauled out of her ivory tower and "called up" to serve as a schoolteacher. The experience obviously stimulated her, for years later she gave up her philosophy tutorship and went off to be headmistress of Oxford High School.

Although she returned to the university after six years, she has engaged herself energetically ever since in the endless fretful national debate over the shortcomings of our schools. She wrote a regular column in the *Times Educational Supplement* for some years, and has written several books in a brisk no-nonsense tone. In these books she was already speaking of the danger of a "loss of nerve" among practising teachers and urging them to "separate their professional expertise . . . from their membership of a union" by creating governing professional structures.

"It was after Jim Callaghan's 'Great Debate' on education", says Tim Devlin, then Education Correspondent of *The Times*, who collaborated with her on *What Shall We Teach?* in 1977. "She had a book to write; I had followed the debate. We wrote the book in three weeks – it was like a tutorial with a very kindly Oxford don. She's a very warm person, devoted to Geoffrey, whom she'd had a crush on at school. I was amazed how organized she was – each child was born in a vacation!"

"She's a remarkable example of an Oxford philosopher who's made herself into an empiricist", says Professor A. H. Halsey. "The background of that lot is a retreat into mandarinism and arguing about the meaning of words – but she's launched out from that – mum, housewife, teacher, social engineer – she starts with the philosophical sophistication and then sets out to add an enormous empirical knowledge to it and apply it."



It is scarcely possible to have been a working mother of five without formidable powers of organization and man-management. The skills which were later to be deployed in Whitehall committee-rooms were refined at family mealtimes. "I remember sitting with the children and conducting them like an orchestra. Bring on the flutes, pipe down the trombones, and so on", she says, and contrasts the informal intuitive relationships within a family with the formal rules necessary in a classroom. "When you've got to put your hand up and wait while some horrible child you loathe is getting his turn".

She readily concedes that as a parent she must have come into the pushy category herself. When she became headmistress "it was very salutory to realize how I must have seemed as a parent at the very same school. Two of my daughters were there and I removed them because I didn't feel sure of myself when I started" (this act being in itself a striking indicator of her parental style).

"I was quite right, I'm sure. My first act when I got there was to look up the records of my girls. One was there – things had gone relatively smoothly with her – but the other had been destroyed. It probably had frightful things about me in it."

But her experiences in education fall somewhat short of a comprehensive basis for a wide-ranging critique of the system, as her opponents do not fail to point out. "A former head of a private school", said one disparagingly. "She stands for elitism and I don't", said another curtly. Several critics implied a certain antiseptic quality in her as a controversialist: "Good works up to the eyebrows . . . she's always right . . . supplies a reasonable logical answer to all questions, but is never exciting . . . I never get any sense of breaking away from the liberal *hien-pensant* tradition", said one.

There are worse traditions. The approach stands her in good stead when handling fissile committees of inquiry. All agree she has a wonderful touch. "At first I thought there was certain to be a major clash," says Professor John Marshall, one of the minority on the embryo committee who attached a note of reservation but still felt able to sign the main report. "As a philosopher you might think she would want to get lost in deep philosophical implications, but she set herself a very clear objective of a practical, useful report.

"There was no dragooning – when a divergence emerged she would often say 'Let's leave that and come back to it later' – and you'd think 'Oh, she hasn't realized' – but she knew very well, and when you came back you'd be surprised at how far the block had melted away."

The blocks may not melt away so easily from the ideas she will outline in the Dimbleby Lecture. She is convinced that the teachers' problems, which have at least as much to do with esteem as with money, go back far beyond the present travails over cuts, assessment and non-contractual duties. She feels that teaching has never secured what every true profession should have, a "central and shared idea which makes the profession one".

All this leads to a lack of professional self-confidence, she thinks, and to false endeavours to find a role through industrial militancy, political indoctrination or through preoccupation with categories and entitlements rather than the individual child.

"The problem of urban destitution is immense, and they can't hope to change it on their own. But they can make sure that their pupils can play the trumpet or paint the staircase – be able to do something – which is a basic source of confidence. And graded tests, which are so scorned by some teachers, do give clear targets, which is so important."

She proposes three main ways of securing for the teachers the kind of confidence in their professional identity that doctors and lawyers have. First, a wider scale of pay differentials, to acknowledge excellence and responsibility.

Second, a gradual transfer of training from the colleges to designated "teaching schools", like teaching hospitals, with "tutor teachers" instructing students without losing touch with the classroom, and providing an extra career target in addition to headship.

But her most fundamental proposal is her revival of the idea of a body like the General Medical Council, enabling the profession to regulate itself like the medical profession – setting standards of conduct and competence, taking responsibility for the sensitive function of assessment and empowered in the last resort to "strike off" the erring teacher.

She is under no illusions that these ideas will find ready acceptance. "I talked to Sir Keith Joseph about this a year ago and he was quite interested, but said he would be completely trapped between the NUT on one side and the higher education people on the other. It would be a revolutionary step. I feel so sad that the NUT don't clamour for a teachers' council – they just might be able to get it."

Fred Jarvis, General Secretary of the NUT, insists that the union is much in favour of a council and accuses Sir Keith of "blowing cold" – though he insists that such a council could have no powers of enforcement over competence. As for the suggestion of wider differentials, he replies (predictably, since the union is dominated by the majority with small hopes of a headship) that Lady Warnock is "against the view of most of the profession."

In fact a profession taking charge of its own destiny in this way would be a force that national and local employers as well as union leaders would have to take fresh account of. It would be unpredictable, and perhaps no more malleable than the doctors. But it is hard to believe that it would be prey to self-doubts to the extent that it is today.

George Hill

BIOGRAPHY

1924: Born April 14. Brought up in Winchester, read philosophy at Oxford.
1949: Appointed Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, St Hugh's, Oxford; married Geoffrey Warnock. Books on ethics, existentialism, and Sartre, and five children, follow.
1966-72: Headmistress, Oxford High School.
1972-81: Member, IBA
1974-78: Chairman, Committee of Inquiry into Special Education.
1977: Co-author with Tim Devlin of What Must We Teach?
1979: Chairman, standing Advisory Committee on Animal Experimentation, member, Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.
1982-85: Chairman, Committee of Inquiry into Human Fertilisation.
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Bringing the past back to life

This year's Sandford awards for heritage education will be presented in York Minster today by Lord Trim, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment. JOHN YOUNG explains the purpose of the scheme.



Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, in 1882, the home of Horace Walpole

Two centuries ago Horace Walpole took what was then the extraordinary step of opening his villa at Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, to the paying public. But his hospitality had its limits, and those who bought tickets were firmly admonished not to bring children.

Nowadays, when millions of visitors every year crowd through Britain's stately homes, their owners are inclined to keep their feelings to themselves. Some claim to enjoy showing off their treasures, and not to resent the lack of privacy; but there must be others who, watching the umpteenth school party traipse through the blue drawing room, must secretly wish them somewhere else.

Equally many of those children themselves would probably be happier doing something other than gazing uncomprehendingly at the relics of a way of life which they cannot imagine. What do all those pictures and tapestries, furniture and sculpture mean to those whose grandparents never set foot in a rich man's mansion?

It is this gap in understanding that the Heritage Education Trust sets out to fill. Run on a shoestring from an office in Walpole's delightful villa, now part of St Mary's College, it has attracted support from the National Trusts for England and Wales and for Scotland, and from the Historic Houses Association, which represents private owners and whose president, Michael Saunders Watson, has enthusiastically put its objectives into practice.

Martyn Dyer, the trust's honorary director, defines its objectives as promoting the educational use of historic houses, their estates, cathedrals and other ancient buildings; helping those involved in education to become more aware of the resources available; and publicizing the educational value of the properties that form what is loosely described as our heritage.

In other words, it might be said, history is better taught on the spot where it happened than in the classroom.

Curiously, the message is taking a long time to get through. Many schools and local authorities appear to take little interest in country houses, churches or cathedrals.

For their part the owners of historic houses are often reluctant to do more than open the gates, provide a car park and a few basic catering facilities.

There are notable exceptions on both sides. Stephen Weeks, a film producer who acquired a near-derelict castle on the Welsh borders 12 years ago, has done wonders in not only restoring it but in interpreting its history to visitors; Commander Saunders Watson, whose Rockingham Castle is known to millions of television watchers as the setting for *By the Sword Divided*, has been almost too successful in attracting customers. Mr Dyer also singles out Bickleigh Castle and Buckfast Abbey for special praise.

Owners will be encouraged by the Chancellor's extension in the Budget of exemption from Capital Transfer Tax for amenity land protecting the character of a building of architectural or historical interest.

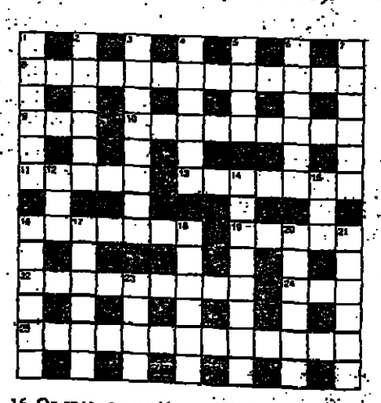
Today's award winners are Culzean Castle and Country Park, Ayrshire, which is owned by the National Trust for Scotland; Combe Sydenham House, Somerset, privately owned by Mr William Theed; and York Minster itself. All are commended for making special provision for school parties, and for developing educational programmes in cooperation with schools and local authorities.

Past winners include such well known buildings as the Tower of London, Blenheim, Harewood and Beaulieu, but the trust would like to be able to include more "unknowns" on the list.

Mr Dyer also considers that the owners and managers of our industrial heritage have failed to match the imagination and enterprise of those responsible for historic houses. Again there are exceptions, such as the Telford New Town development corporation which has put considerable resources into promoting and displaying some of the earliest relics of the Industrial Revolution at Ironbridge, Shropshire. But British Rail, for one, could do a great deal more than it has.

He argues that, when grants are allocated by bodies such as the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, public access should not be taken to mean simply physical access in the form of car parks, footpaths and picnic areas. It should also include ways of bringing history closer than through the pages of guide books. In too many cases a priceless educational asset is still being squandered.

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FICTION

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Andrea Lee might seem at first to be more a collection of short stories sharing the same central character than a novel. Each episode is complete in itself, but the whole is arranged with such skill that the impact is coherent, the themes subtly interwoven. Sarah, an engaging, very intelligent child, adolescent and young woman, is the daughter of a deceased Philadelphia Baptist minister: so the book presents an acute insight into the lives and attitudes of prosperous professional black Americans, partly segregated in their own communities, where they cherish their own prejudices and fairly strict codes of behaviour. The first chapter has an emancipated Sarah, recently graduated from Harvard, living in Paris with three white French bedfellows. She realizes that Paris (her lasting dream-symbol of liberation from a life that had become claustrophobic) and this careless existence will not last and looks back at her younger self.

Each episode shows a sensitive, unsentimental appreciation of a clever girl growing up in "a comfortable, insular, middle-class black neighbourhood swathed in billiard-green lawns". No concessions are made in the sure portrayal of character or in the presentation of situations which are commonplace but, in their way, remarkable.

Agnes, in Jennifer Potter's clever, entertaining novel, is a pretty, capricious young woman sent to Martinique at a time of local unrest to fetch her aunt back to metropolitan France. Antillean revolutionaries are active and the white colonials are in some danger. The aunt, is a defiant, imperious woman, determined to stay on the island to which she came as the young bride of a colonist whose memory appears to be sacred. The laughter and vivacity of Agnès charms a revolutionary Chilean poet in exile, who is an admirer of Alicia, and also a radical and rash English journalist. The girl herself is fascinated by her resemblance to Angeline, youngest of her aunt's dead sisters-in-law, but can discover little about her. When she appears at a party in one of the dead woman's frocks, the effect on Alicia is dramatic. Relations become sour. Soon after, Agnès is badly frightened in a political riot. Within a few days she is apparently abducted and disappears.

To reveal more would be to cheat readers of much pleasure in a well-constructed, brilliantly presented mystery where there is no cheating and the prose itself is often a clue to the resolution. Beyond the intrinsic interest of the plot, there is alert political comment, a convincing picture of native resentment against colonial arrogance, and some pleasing, if occasionally touristic, description. Who took Agnès? In revealing the facts, the author explores wayward gentle folly, pride, malice, deceit, and many kinds of honour with perception and irony.

"Even people who like my father don't think he's nice," says Tom Avery, the central character in *Say Goodby to Sam* to his pretty wife, Catherine. And they are right. After so many accounts of the megalomania, greed and destructive sadism of the Movie Monsters, it is almost surprising to find one in fiction who is equally, if not more, loathsome. Sam is a loud, abrasive, foul-mouthed show-off, brutal to people and animals alike, as he asserts his seventy-two years' right to bruise the sensibilities of weaker people. Tom, a responsible journalist who writes serious non-fiction, hopes to settle a long mutual antipathy by taking his gentle, potentially volcanic, wife to the famous film-directors's ranch in New Mexico for a holiday. Catherine is fascinated by the mixture of reliable loutishness and occasional charm. A triangular tension develops as Sam flirts with her and takes any opportunity that offers to put down his son. There is also Maria, a brooding housekeeper, who simmers with hostility towards the younger woman. Tom thinks a great deal about his dead mother, a lovely woman intermittently devoted to him, often mistreated by Sam.

The sexual relationship between Tom and Catherine is uneasy at best. As the stay progresses a bout of literary impotence is followed by his failure in bed. He goes off alone to be (incredibly) surprised on his return that his father has made a very crude pass at his wife. Latent anger becomes rage as he goes in search of the old man. First, he visits the house of a woman he suspects to be Sam's mistress. He is not there. In a fury of confusion, Tom virtually forces the much older woman to her bemusement. Later, his mind still whirling, he realizes hidden aspects of his character. The Oedipal theme is not as inverse as it might, at first, have appeared. The resolution is fast-moving, though the final few pages are perhaps something of an anti-climax. The descriptive prose and dialogue are effective, but the strength of the novel is in its characterization.

The bright young biologist before the Ape

Richard Holmes reviews the letters of a young man on his way to Evolution

THE CORRESPONDENCE OF CHARLES DARWIN
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In the spring of 1831, the ex-President of the Cambridge Union, one Henry Matthew, found he had begotten an illegitimate child. He fled to a London garret, dosed himself with gin and Shelley, and announced his intention of becoming Poet Laureate. He also prudently canvassed his undergraduate friends for financial aid, and was very surprised when only one turned up trumps with a "generous remittance". His benefactor was that "most humanised of Insect-killers", the 22-year-old Charles Darwin.

Darwin had a way of turning up trumps. It was an act wholly typical of the engaging young scientist who slowly and brilliantly emerges from this huge (and initially forbidding) green volume of letters, like some rare and delightful butterfly from a monstrous chrysalis. Even the entomology is catching.

Cheerful, sympathetic, enthusiastic, lazy in almost every pursuit except field sports and botanizing ("I am dying by inches, from not having anybody to talk to about insects"), young Charles Darwin also nursed secret dreams no less romantic than the unfortunate poet's. In that same spring of 1831, he was scrawling from Cambridge to his sister back in Shropshire.

All the while I am writing now my head is running about the Tropics: in the morning I go and gaze at Palm trees in the hot-house and come home and read Humboldt: my enthusiasm is so great that I cannot hardly sit still on my chair . . . Henslow promises to cram me in geology. I never will be easy till I see the peak of Teneriffe and the great Dragon tree: sandy, dazzling, plains, and gloomy silent forest are alternately Uppermost in my mind.

This then is the story of the early formation of that extraordinary mind: Darwin before the Ape, or at least before the theory of Evolution by Natural Selection. It is assembled in 338 letters – both Darwin's own (69 newly published), and those from his family, University friends, and academic mentors like Professor Henslow. It covers his home life at Shrewsbury, his education at the Edinburgh medical faculty and Cambridge University (officially studying Homer and Paley), and above all the five long years (December 1831 – October 1836) of his voyage round South America and through the Pacific archipelagos aboard the good ship Beagle. The voyage that had been his Romantic dream, but which transformed him – in Sir Gavin De Beer's words (1963) – into "the hardest-headed biologist of his time".

It is of course a scholar's edition. The learned annotations run from an obscure dispute on rock formation in the Andes to the even obscurer demise of Darwin's Cambridge Dining Club. The Glutton. ("I think the Club came to an untimely end by endeavouring to eat an old brown owl", according to the Archdeacon of York in a footnote.)

Yet even at a purely descriptive level it turns out to be superbly accessible. We are transported through the luxuriant tropical forests of Brazil ("it was realizing the visions in the Arabian nights") and the desolate wastes of Patagonia.

We cross the freezing Cordilleras on a pack horse, and see St Elmo's fire – "the very masts are pointed with a blue flame" – burning mysteriously in Buenos Aires harbour. We attend the unearthing of a Megatherium. We observe, with all Darwin's lucid astonishment, the primitive tribes of Terra del Fuego. "They were seated on a rocky point, surrounded by the dark forest of beech: as they threw their arms wildly round their heads & their long hair streaming, they seemed the troubled spirits of another world."

But it is much more than travelogue. The many letters that pursue Darwin from home (with months of anxious delay) form a kind of epistolary novel of manners round the main action. Jane Austen, as it were meets Joseph Conrad. (May I recommend in passing Redmond O'Hanlon's *Joseph Conrad and Charles Darwin?*) In remote sub-tropical harbours, Darwin reads gossip of Cambridge and Shropshire – "a little hunting, a little shooting, and now and then a little argument about the Reform Bill". Fanny Owen with whom he lay innocently in the strawbery beds – "the plumpest, the prettiest" – is married. His sister tells how his crates of specimens are reported by *The Times*. His Cambridge contemporaries settle into country parsonages and little wives, and as he sweats in Valparaiso the prospect haunts him. "Eheu, eheu, this puts me in mind of former visions, of glimpes into futurity, where I fancied I saw retirement, green cottages and white petticoats. What will become of me hereafter. I know not; I feel, like a ruined man, who does not see or care how to extricate himself."

Yet always he persists, endures, rallies to the scientific faith. That same letters ends. "I find in Geology a never failing interest . . . it creates the same grand ideas respecting this world, which Astronomy does for the universe." And it is the almost hypnotic power of these "grand ideas" which forms the deepest level of drama in this *Correspondence*.

It *is* a drama of psychological formation, of spiritual toughening, of "case-hardening" (his own phrase). The lava of young Darwin's adolescent enthusiasm for Natural History gradually cools into the precise, patient, enquiring methodology of the adult geologist and zoologist. We are in fact seeing an historic shift: from the pottering, gentlemanly amateurism in the tradition of Gilbert White of Selborne, to the refined, almost obsessive professionalism of Cambridge-led 19th-century research, which made us for a hundred years the masters of physical sciences in Europe.

The letters show this transformation partly in the rapid tempering of Darwin's character in the harsh conditions of fieldwork. There is his courage, living for weeks like a gaucho under the stars. There is his endurance, cataloguing specimens despite never ending sea-sickness. There is his maturing judgement, as in the case of Captain Fitzroy, originally his boyish "beau ideal of a captain", but eventually analysed as a manic-depressive, noble but flawed.

Darwin himself adds, in one of his most interesting letters, of March 1835, that there were three almost absolute experiences that changed him during the voyage. The sight of primitive man on Terra del Fuego: the power of the Chilean earthquake that destroyed the town of Concepcion ("solid buttresses 6-10 feet thick are broken into fragments like so much biscuit"); and the awe-inspiring life-force of the Brazilian forests. These things seemed to have taught him, with an intensity both poetic and strictly scientific, the extreme fragility of human civilization and the immense power and violence of nature. So that he came home already unconsciously searching for scientific law, rather than a Divine Providence, to explain them.

So we leave him here, safely returned to England at the age of 27 only outwardly unchanged, modestly unpacking his boxes of bone and rock ("some of them are turning out great treasures"), being lionized by the leading Naturalists of the day – proud Henslow, delighted Lyell – and toasted in Shropshire. (The labourers got "most excessively drunk in honour of the arrival of Master Charles".) But within six months he will enter the pitiless and epoch-making description in his *Notebook on Transmutation of Species*", of a power "like a hundred thousand wedges trying to force every kind of adapted structure into the gaps in the economy of nature, or rather forming gaps by thrusting out weaker ones."

Which reminds me, poor Henry Matthew, the poet? he married and was thrust home to his father's parsonage in Somerset: "came here like the prodigal son, but was received like a fatted calf". The survival of the fittest dream, perhaps?

Per ardua ad the front line

William Jackson

THE RIGHT OF THE LINE
The Royal Air Force in the European War 1939-45
By John Terraine
Hodder & Stoughton, £14.95

***The Right of the Line* is a splendidly evocative title, but dangerously provocative as well. Airmen – past, present and future – will be delighted with John Terraine's latest history of the Royal Air Force in the Second World War. It is, in my view, his best work yet: very readable, giving a balanced picture not only of the greatest air battles of 40 years ago, but also of the equally hard fought strategic and inter-Service policy arguments, which led, in the end, to the Allied victory.**

The danger is that the title and the dust cover will lead sailors and soldiers to pass it by as yet another RAF claim to precedence. This would be a pity because it is an excellent book, which should have a wide tri-Service and general readership. Terraine is not using the title in its narrow ceremonial sense: he goes back to its origin at the Battle of Crecy in 1346, when Edward III gave the 16-year-old Black Prince "the place of honour and of greatest danger" the command of the division, that happened to be on the night of the English battle array and bore the brunt of the fighting.

***The Right of the Line* is an "unofficial" official history in that Terraine has had the whole-hearted support and co-operation of the Air Historical Branch of the Ministry of Defence. It is in effect the first post-war revision of the RAF's war history. It makes the fullest use of the 15 or so volumes of Official Histories written in the 1950s.**

John Terraine's work is unique in another respect. He is steeped in his many studies and books on the First World War, and so he has been able to draw startling parallels between the two, despite their great strategic and technological differences. In the Second World War the RAF, particularly Bomber Command, played the attrition al role of the Army from 1915 to 1918. Haig and Harris faced the same cruel dilemmas: the Somme and Passchendaele found their parallels in the air battles over Berlin and the Ruhr. Ironically the use of air power, which was expected to prevent a repetition of the slaughter on the Western Front, cut down more of the élite of the British Empire in their prime than died in the mud of Flanders. Terraine's figures show that 38,834 officers of the three Services were killed in 1914-18; 55,573 RAF aircrew – the same seed corn of the future – were lost in 1939-45.

Many off Terraine's judgements will be questioned because he pulls no punches and highlights mistaken Air Staff theories and policies which were so sadly disproved by battle. Sailors and soldiers will be grateful for his constructive non-partisan assessments of their problems, though some eyebrows will be raised over his view of the Army's performance during *Overlord*.

The question readers will ask is whether his account sustains his claim for the RAF to be accorded the accolade of *The Right of the Line*. In the sense of occupying the places of greatest danger, the answer is a qualified Yes. Fighter Command did win the Battle of Britain, though not by the margins claimed at the time. The Battle of the Atlantic was not won solely by Coastal Command, but it would have been lost without its great effort. No one in the Army or Navy would decry the work of the Tactical Air Forces which gave them clear skies and decisive support from the Spring of 1943 onwards. And Bomber Command certainly held the hottest seat during the dark middle years of the war: whether its subsequent bombing policy was sound is another matter and one which Terraine explores in-depth. A truer, but less colourful, title would have been *Of the Line*. The RAF came of age at the beginning of the Second World War and took its place in the Line of Battle. Claims to precedence do nothing but harm to tri-Service unity upon which so much has always depended and still does.

There is a pernicious tendency in political biography to assume that anyone who reaches a certain level without going on to the premiership is by definition a failure. Given the overwhelming element of luck in politics, and the oddities who do become Prime Minister, this perspective is self-evidently absurd and unfair: but their failure to reach the top spot continues to stand in the way of its victims receiving due credit for often distinguished careers – the more so when, like the two most prominent, Austen Chamberlain and R. A. Butler, they had the misfortune to miss it on more than one occasion.

Of Austen in particular it is assumed that he was born to be Prime Minister: son of the great Joe, in Parliament before he was 30, Chancellor at 40, how could he fail? But this is to stand experience on its head. A truer perspective would be to ask how many others of those destined from the cradle to be Prime Minister came so close to it as he did? Considering the crippling advantages with which he entered politics, Austen really did very well to sustain for over 30 years a career at the highest level.

Of course, Austen Chamberlain had many defects of character that unfitted him for political leadership. So did Bonar Law, Baldwin, and his brother Neville, but none of their failings mattered when events fell their way. In an otherwise admirable, lucid and concise biography of a subject who has long lacked a good one (and still perhaps needs a definitive one) David Dutton is altogether too concerned with Austen's familiar inadequacies at the expense of the compensating qualities which made him a politician of great professionalism and staying power. It was not just the family name that sustained him. On the contrary, Joe was a millstone round his neck – certainly after 1906 when he suffered a stroke and withdrew crippled but still eagle-eyed to Highbury. For the next eight years Austen was regarded not as his own man but as his father's deputy.

Released at last by his father's death, Austen emerged from the war a thoroughly conservative Conservative and succeeded Bonar Law as Tory leader in 1921. But now the party was in coalition with Lloyd George and chafing to break free. Austen, still unable to be himself, had inherited another impossible hand.

Proxime accesserunt

John Campbell

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN
Gentleman in Politics
By David Dutton
Ross Anderson Publications, £14.95

Not until he became Foreign Secretary under Baldwin did Austen take on a job in anything like normal circumstances. The Locarno Agreement of 1925 was the summit of his career. It was not the agreement he was initially looking for. Nevertheless it seemed at the time to secure the peace of Europe for years to come. It was a thoroughly deserved success for an underrated politician, who struggled manfully for most of his career against a patrimony which would have sunk anyone less able and less tough.

Old queen of ps and qs

Fiona MacCarthy

MISS MANNERS' GUIDE TO REARING PERFECT CHILDREN
By Judith Martin
Hamish Hamilton, £9.95

Who is the steely woman with the sixties bouffant hairstyle staring out from the back cover, bringing discipline to bear even on her prospective readers? She is, it seems, the queen of ps and qs, Miss Manners, pseudonym for Judith Martin, whose pert and winsome *Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behaviour* has now been followed by an equally obnoxious *Guide to Rearing Perfect Children* inspired by the belief, which Miss M shares with her friend Plato (no one ever told Miss Manners it was impolite to name-drop), that the bringing-up of children is the rock and the foundation on which civilization will, or will not, survive.

Let me acknowledge quickly that I am most probably out on a limb in my reaction to Miss Manners, and that her book will attract whole hosts of admirers amongst, say, those who find Adrian Mole endearing. For she too sees life in terms of the domestic battlefield, sons set against mothers, daughters against fathers, in-laws quite unable to exchange a civil greeting. It is a battle she is determined she will win.

Miss Manners believes that positions of strength are arrived at by means of knowing all the answers. She is never nonplussed by any question of protocol, massive or mundane. What is the right stationery for children? How should parents conduct themselves at teenage slumber parties? Incest? Senility? Illegitimacy? The proper way to go about remarrying ex-husbands? Such problems are all in the day's work for Miss Manners who tends to greet them with a song, dance and a wisecrack and, if we are unfortunate, a little homespun homily. Divorce is, for example, a good chance for demonstrating the beauty and virtue of good manners under stress.

Miss Manners is one of the great champions of facadism, the idea that there is nothing fundamentally amiss so long as you keep cereal boxes off the breakfast table. Her dislikes are predictable. No breast-feeding in public. The minimum of kissing: she prefers the traditional handshake, believing social kissing encourages abundances of lipstick and confusion.

Her favourite day is St Valentine's. It would be. For although Miss Manners addresses herself valiantly to blatantly contemporary problems like the status of the live-in adult in the household and what to do with people who leave insulting messages on the telephone answering device, she is in reality tremendously old-fashioned. Antiquated in many of her domestic directives, like the one about not talking about what you are consuming while actually in the act of mastication, and hopelessly outdated in familistic politics. Hers are basically those of Julie Andrews, viz, a spoonful of hypocrisy will set the world to right.

It is not, I find, too easy to be courteous to Miss Manners, whose philosophy at best is crass and opportunistic and whose preoccupation with such very arcane subjects as deployment of corsages at the bar mitzvah is of infinite tedium and questionable taste. Nor can I go along with her views about home decor, her theory that houses must include enough appalling objects to avoid the appearance of being mercenary, heartless and socially aggressive. More Miss Manners double dealing.

You cannot accuse the lady of deficiency in stamina. Nothing silences or floors her. But lordy she lacks style.

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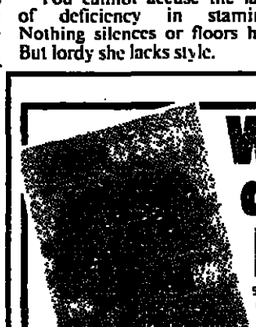


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On the Paris stage

The blinding vision of Ingmar Bergman

King Lear

Odéon

"I can no longer live in a land where my honour is publicly and unjustly impugned." So said Ingmar Bergman, smarting from his 1976 clash with the Swedish police over alleged tax irregularities, and gathering his depleted train together to quit his ungrateful kingdom for self-imposed exile in Germany, where his first act was to make a film with the *Lear*-like title *The Serpent's Egg*.

After nine years of unabated productivity, divided between film studios and the Munich Residenztheater, Bergman has now buried the hatchet and resumed control of the Stockholm Royal Dramatic Theatre, where he is planning to direct two productions a year, and which has already spawned one filmic companion piece, *After the Rehearsal*, prompted by his homecoming show: *King Lear*. Tribunes of the Swedish taxation service may take comfort from the fact that it might have been *Coriolanus*.

Due for future appearances in Barcelona and Milan after its return to Stockholm, this production has just opened at the Paris Odéon as the final event in the Théâtre de l'Europe season. It is an event of major acting and superb design (with lead performances by three of the *Fanny and Alexander* cast); and it shows a great director coming fully to grips with what, in some respects, is still regarded as an unplayable work.

It is Bergman's view that theatre audiences, unlike the hypnotized cinema public, have an attention-span of around three seconds; and it is his function to turn this to advantage through variety of spectacle, and by inviting total imaginative involvement at one moment before abruptly plunging the spectator back into his actual environment.

Where *Lear* is concerned, the benefits of such an approach are speedily visible. It means, for one thing, that the production can abandon the impossible task of sustaining a crescendo of unbearable grief, and repeatedly bring the events down to earth. For the storm, for instance, Bergman turns on the full battery of theatrical illusion, with ominous bass rumblings and a company cowering under projected rainfall. Then, unceremoniously, he switches the whole thing off for a solo routine by the Fool, played on a brightly lit neutral stage, before reactivating the storm to finish the scene. Thanks to Jarl Kulle's Lear, the high passions are all there, and the sight of naked humanity exposed to the elements, but not to the usual extent of rendering the spectator emotionally punch-drunk.

Inseparable from such effects is Bergman's use of simultaneous action – visible from the opening scene where Gloucester's parental disclosures are accompanied by the sight of Edmund and Edgar engaging in swordplay. From such simple ironies, the production develops into an astounding cycle of multiple events, with the naked wretches on the heath appearing downstage against a background of a bestial dance in Cornwall's castle; the sight of Edmund and Goneril coupling at the moment that Gloucester's eyes are put out; and the strangling of Cordelia on the sidelines as the bleeding Edmund hangs from Edgar's waist after their last duel, blindfolded and belted together.

Performed against a blood-red back wall (recalling Bergman's "red room" *Hedda Gabler*), the production dispenses with any setting: when props are needed, the 60-strong company abase themselves into chairs and tables, and form themselves into the stocks to imprison Kent. The monolithically quilted and faceless guards assemble into impenetrable walls, opening and closing up again to afford dungeon-like exits. Aside from aiding scenic fluency, this device also embodies the idea of thoughtless human subordination that underlies the entire performance. Moments of escape from it – as where the Fool (Jan-Olof Strandberg) squats munching an apple with Lear, two old cronies side by side – are few. Otherwise we see a society exclusively polarized by power, and in which sexual and political lust are inseparable.



Two old cronies side by side: Jarl Kulle as a Lear living in a fool's paradise with Jan-Olof Strandberg as the Fool himself

The process begins with the partition of the kingdom, which also introduces Lear as a man living in a fool's paradise. Looking a vigorous 60-year-old, Kulle seems already in his second childhood. Beamingly convinced that everybody loves him, he puts his daughters to the test like a party game, even planting Cordelia (Lena Olin) on his knee and exploding with laughter when the word "nothing" falls with harsh candour from her doll-like lips. In the ensuing reversal, he wrathfully removes the crown and places it downstage where it remains for the rest of the action, a permanent and fatal focal point for the ambitious wolves he has let loose.

Lear's subsequent sexual disgust is nightmarishly justified in the transformation of the red room into the "sulphurous pit". The costumes of Gunilla Palmstierna-Weiss (Peter Weiss's widow) translate Elizabethan dress into a pornographic vision of gleaming metallic tights, voluptuous velvets and air-brushed flesh. Goneril (Margaretha Byström) secures the kneeling Oswald's devotion by taking him under her skirt. Ewa Fröling's Regan nuzzles deliciously into her husband's flanks when refining on Kent's punishment and enjoys a solo orgasm in putting out Gloucester's eyes.

Conversely, no love is lost on the losers. Cornwall's death occasions a ghastly mock-mourning ceremony, with Regan and Edmund hatching out their plans over the funeral bier. And, when Edmund publicly chooses Regan as his consort, it is only a matter of seconds before he kicks her poisoned body aside. Once out of the sex and power struggle, the human being is discarded as garbage.

Bergman reserves his conclusive stroke for the last moment when, in the gathering atmosphere of tragic harmony, a new pretender springs forward to seize the crown, and once again the stage is full of swords ready for the whole cycle to recommence. This is the most unrelentingly penetrating account of the play I have seen since Peter Brook's over 20 years ago.

Irving Wardle

Tudor's works 'fallen in good hands after shameful neglect in his homeland'

Pasolini meets James Dean? That might seem an unlikely subject for a ballet, especially when you know that its title, and supposedly its theme, come from Blake: *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*. What I have to report, however, is that once you have seen it performed by Roland Petit's Ballet National de Marseille at the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées, the whole idea becomes even more incredible.

One problem is that, neither from their looks nor from what they do, would you ever guess who the characters were meant to be if you had not read the copious programme notes. Jean-Pierre Aviotte, Petit's choice for Dean, strikes a sulky pose on first appearance, bare-chested in blue jeans, a cigarette in one hand. But it needs a great act of faith to see the claimed resemblance to the film star, or the personality or technique for a starring role.

The Pasolini role is more strongly cast: Paolo Bortoluzzi some nights, the resourceful Luigi Bonino when I saw it. But there is again no character to play, just a relentless prowling with dollops of showy steps dumped in every now and then. There is a woman in black to symbolize death, and a man as her shadow (pretty-boy bait for Pasolini). Luckily, Petit soon gets tired of his initial subject.

Thanks to that, the show (90 minutes, no intermission) is more entertaining than you might think. Right at the start, Petit rounds off a solemnly dramatic entry for the corps de ballet, silhouetted against the mouth of hell, with a lively little showbiz number for four couples. All the girls are soon back, in white tights, for what is billed as a seduction dance by the serpent-woman.

Not much more than halfway through, Petit abandons the drama altogether in favour of a wispy pas de deux for Dominique Khalfouni and Denys Ganio, a vigorous confrontation for two groups of men led by Hacène Bahiri and Thierry le Floch, a solo for Le Floch with a comic twist at the end, and other suchlike bits of welcome irrelevance.



A strong mood of alarm and anxiety: Eric Vu An and Olivia Grundvillé in *Before Nightfall*

Petit's men are mostly tough and cheerful looking; the women pretty but with only a few exceptions less impressive dancers. The choreography and in fact the whole concept seem often more like imitation Béjart than good Petit. Music, loud and energetic, is by a group called Art Zoyd.

Just suppose: if Petit, instead of turning his back so aggressively on the Paris Opéra, had accepted one of its past invitations to direct the ballet there, this curious piece of amusing gibberish might have been created at the Théâtre de l'Opéra. As it is, Nureyev goes on giving his dancers the opportunity to become, in his word, polydancers by tackling as many different choreographic languages as possible.

The programme being given all this month suffered a blow when David Bintley felt obliged to withdraw his new ballet because the illness and clashing commitments of some dancers had disrupted his rehearsal time. However, a presentable if inevitably unpolished revival of Balanchine's *Igor*, mounted within a fortnight, saved the day.

More rewarding was the remounting, after some year's absence, of one of the ballets Balanchine created for the Opéra, *Le Palais de cristal* – more widely known outside France as *Symphony in C* after its Bizet music. The French dance it very differently from the lean, muscular style of New York City Ballet, but their more sensuous approach is just as apt.

Watching this clean, properly prepared and presented revival made the Royal Ballet's ignominious bungling of *Ballet Imperial* seem all the more embarrassing by comparison. The evening's première had the two companies competing on more level terms, being a workmanlike but not particularly original piece by the young Dutch choreographer Nils Christe to Martinu's Double Concerto for string orchestras, piano and timpani.

It is sombre, agitated music, reflecting the preoccupations of 1938 when it was written, and Christe has used it for a ballet that has no plot but a strong mood of alarm and anxiety, which he titles (in English) *Before Nightfall*. He makes impressively effective use of the small cast chosen from the company's younger dancers: three leading couples (each pair taking precedence in one movement) and an equally good supporting group of three more couples. Keso Dekker's setting of pale grey brush-strokes on a black ground is simple but excellent.

The major creations of the season at the Opéra are still to come: Rudi van Dantzig's *Sans armes, citoyens!* to the Berlioz Symphonie funèbre et triomphale, in late April and Nureyev's *Washington Square* to music by Charles Ives, in June. However, the programme of ballets by Antony Tudor that has just finished a run at the Opéra-Comique was all new to the French repertory and proved so successful that it will be repeated next season. (With comparatively small casts, it would also be good for touring: festival directors please note.)

Neither the dancers nor their audience really got the hang of *Shadowplay* – different casting, with a much younger Boy with matted hair as its focus, might have helped, but Jean Guizerix and Michaël Denard were both tremendously authoritative as the dangerous earth spirit who helps the boy grow up. *Dark Elegies*, to Mahler's *Kindertotenlieder*, has stroger casts, especially convincing when Ghislaine Thesmar and Denard danced the second song, Guizerix the third, and the impassioned Eric Vu An the fifth.

Thesmar and Guizerix as the unwillingly betrothed couple of *Jardin aux lilas*, with young Laurent Hilaire and Clotilde Vayer as their abandoned lovers, were outstanding in what proved the programme's most popular work jointly with one unknown in Britain, *Continuo*, a sort of perpetuum mobile, very pretty and subtle, for three couples to Pachelbel's Canon.

The humiliating question, of course, is why one has to wait for a French company to pay this homage to one of Britain's two greatest choreographers, but at least we can be thankful that his works have fallen in good hands after shameful neglect in his homeland.

John Percival

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Martin-Jules Chouard

Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox

If you have never heard of Martin-Jules Chouard, do not be worried, for few others have either. The one-man show at Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox until March 29 is not only the first since the artist's death in 1919 but, as far as can be determined, the first time his work has been shown in public at all. No more is known about him than that he was born in 1839 and was a schoolmaster by profession, working in various small towns in the Seine et Marne *département* between 1859 and 1893. A little more we may guess from his subject-matter: he seems to have had properly schoolmasterly antiquarian interests in the areas in which he lived, and from the precision of his architectural studies we might wonder if he ever had any practical experience as an amateur architect or at least builder.

Not that it really matters. Unless suffering from some picturesque form of insanity (and nothing could be saner than Chouard's work), amateur painters rarely need much annotation. Most of them remain painfully amateurish as well as technically non-professional, and the rare few who produce something beyond the merely quaint speak and are to be cherished for themselves. Chouard is undoubtedly one of these. In his "Sunday-painter" excursions he hardly ever ventured on the human figure: in the most architectural of the paintings shown, the *Country House*, there is one small, stiff workman, apparently scraping paint from a wall, but otherwise his townscapes are always unpeopled, his still-lifes of fruit and flowers free of direct human intervention. This gives the street-scenes in particular a curiously surrealist air, long before the fact: the air in them has the same rarified quality as that in a Magritte or a Balthus.

The flower and fruit pieces have a different kind of primitive quality: the forms and colours are meticulously rendered, in a way that recalls those classic examples of horticultural illustration of previous centuries which were no doubt Chouard's models. They attempt to be records, nothing more, but because of their intense concentration on the subject for its own sake, plus the special eye of the draughtsman, they emerge as undeniably art. So do the fidgety renderings of specific buildings, very nearly stone by stone, like *Chapel with a Tower*. It is because Chouard forgets himself so completely in the intricate delight of his hobby that we are likely to enjoy and remember.

John Russell Taylor

Concert

LPO/Conlon

Festival Hall

Despite a programme that on paper looked depressingly conventional this need not have been as ordinary a concert as it turned out to be. The appalling frequency with which Tchaikovksy's First Piano Concerto is played is irrelevant to its quality (critics tend not to hear it very often anyway), while, although a certain symphony of Dvořák may likewise be rather overexposed, it is certainly not the Seventh, a taut, dramatic work without the saccharine qualities of its famous brother.

Ordinary, however, the concert was, and that even though the London Philharmonic Orchestra were in generally splendid form, causing real discomfort only when the violins scrambled frenetically through those frightening gossamer-like passages in Mendelssohn's overture for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which began the concert. Elsewhere the string sound was a sophisticated and assured one, while both brass and woodwind thoroughly enjoyed what for them was a busy evening.

That sense of enjoyment both helped and marred the Dvořák, for although James Conlon was unable to achieve a reading of the intensity that the work demands, the energy of his conducting brought some thrilling moments. The glorious, rich climaxes in the slow movement were savoured to the full, while the woodwind solos (most notably that of the first oboe) here did marvellous justice to Dvořák's carefully coloured scoring.

But this is grim, resolute music, and it is surely misguided to play it as though it were a Mendelssohn symphony. A black mark, too, for the timpanist's gratuitous filling in of what were supposed to be rests in his part.

Similarly, the soloist in the Tchaikovsky, Françoise-René Duchâble, though he offered playing of outstanding accuracy and clarity, seemed not to understand that the piece demands a more overtly dramatic approach. There were moments of great beauty, and Conlon's conducting was skilfully sympathetic, but one missed the sweeping, inflated sentimentality and the element of daredevil bravura on which the work's success depends.

Stephen Pettitt

Dance in London

Revolutionary Gestures

Sadler's Wells

Dan Wagoner's new work is a welcome shot in the arm for Ballet Rambert, giving its dancers something well outside the pattern of dancing styles set up by the company's three resident choreographers. Yet it struck me, watching the London première, that if Christopher Bruce's *Intimate Pages*, given on the same programme, represents a continuation of the tradition of dark, intense, impassioned choreography that Antony Tudor established during Rambert's first decade, Wagoner is in effect restoring to the company many of the qualities that Frederick Ashton set for it in the Thirties: humour, a bubbling liveliness, lots of unexpected invention, and above all a concentration on dance for its own sake.

For all that, the big virtue of the piece is that it is not only good but different. It is a very American ballet, full of Yankee-doodle jauntiness, and also a very individual work, reflecting Wagoner's own wit, poetry and imagination.

The choreography is full of throwaway lines, but among them certain themes occur: a cheerfully strutting walk, tiny episodes of pretended fisticuffs, bodies held upside down or allowed to fall back to the ground from high in a partner's arms. These and other motifs give the casual-looking manoeuvres a strong underlying pattern.

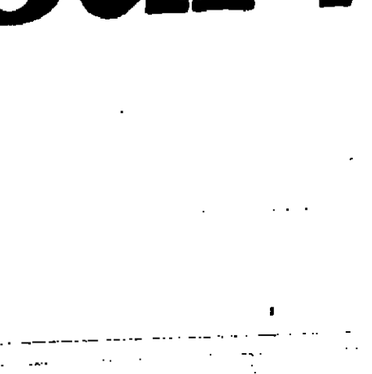
Wagoner handles his large cast adroitly. All 14 of them take part in the opening and closing passages (the latter builds an exhilarating energy as the dancers break away from a tight group to occupy the whole stage bit by bit). In between, couples, trios or larger groups slip in and out, taking the attention for a spell before relinquishing it to newcomers.

Sometimes – quite often, in fact – two or more different focuses are presented simultaneously, yet the dance never loses its clarity. Generally the piece is lively, but at one point, when a group has been playing with a patchwork cloth, folding and rolling, while another couple complete their duet and one of the dancers temporarily shouts out the counts like a square dance caller, suddenly everything goes quiet and still, and when the dance resumes it and the music have, for a time, a mysteriously hushed quality.

Michael Sahl's piano variations on "Yankee Doodle Dandy" live up to Wagoner's description (in last week's interview) of their ingenuity and fun. John Macfarlane's backcloth of a weather-worn Stars and Stripes is apt, and his costumes are elegantly workmanlike. The whole cast performs with admirable spirit.

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Television

Beat about the book

Studio-based book programmes can be as difficult to watch as they are to make. With the possible exception of *Jackanory*, reading from the text sends people to sleep. The emphasis is therefore on talking about the text. Good writers often make bad talkers so discussion of their work is left to a regular group of critical performers. In the end, it is a level of enthusiasm they communicate – not the experience of what has been read.

Book Four deserves praise as Channel 4's longest-running programme: it is adventurous, serious – sometimes too much so – and uncompromising. Last night three stalwarts were invited to comment on a current hardback and paperback. Margaret Forster selected a first novel by a young East Ender. It reminded her of early Muriel Spark. Martin Amis did not think Muriel Spark had ever been that early. He chose Michael Scammell's tome on Solzhenitsyn. Humphrey Carpenter regretted this had been so long. He chose a book he thought he would enjoy but did not by the Czech novelist Josef Skvorecky.

Hermione Lee, the presenter, has lost her earlier earnestness. She bounced about like a literary labrador and, if sometimes she had the air of having left a puddle on the floor, she was never afraid to leap in disagreement. It made for an intelligent if hurried half-hour.

Ian Hamilton has more of a bloodhound look as he presides with lugubrious authority over a much improved, though occasionally erratic, **Bookmark** (BBC2). Last night's monthly edition revealed the options and pitfalls open to a programme which illustrates books less through discussion than other media. The books chosen relied on the fact they were being staged or filmed or hoping to be filmed, as in the case of Graham Greene's forgotten "novel".

Peter Kemp compared this to *The Third Man*, so we saw a lot of Orson Welles interspersed with *Bookmark*'s rendering of *The Tenth Man*, which meant some cheap sequences of men disappearing down corridors. One's impression of the book suffered simply because Paul Lee, the director, is not Carol Reed. Next came Richardson's novel *Pamela*, conveniently being staged by a fringe theatre group. After some rather good excerpts we had a trilling American lady who failed to account for *Pamela*'s putative revival in popularity, but asked us instead to think of her as a black Alabaman circa 1912. Finally, a lavish, more valuable look at the background to Forster's *Passage to India* in which Lord Annan lucidly complained about the inability of Lean's film to convey metaphor – "a friendliness", for example, "as of dwarfs shaking hands".

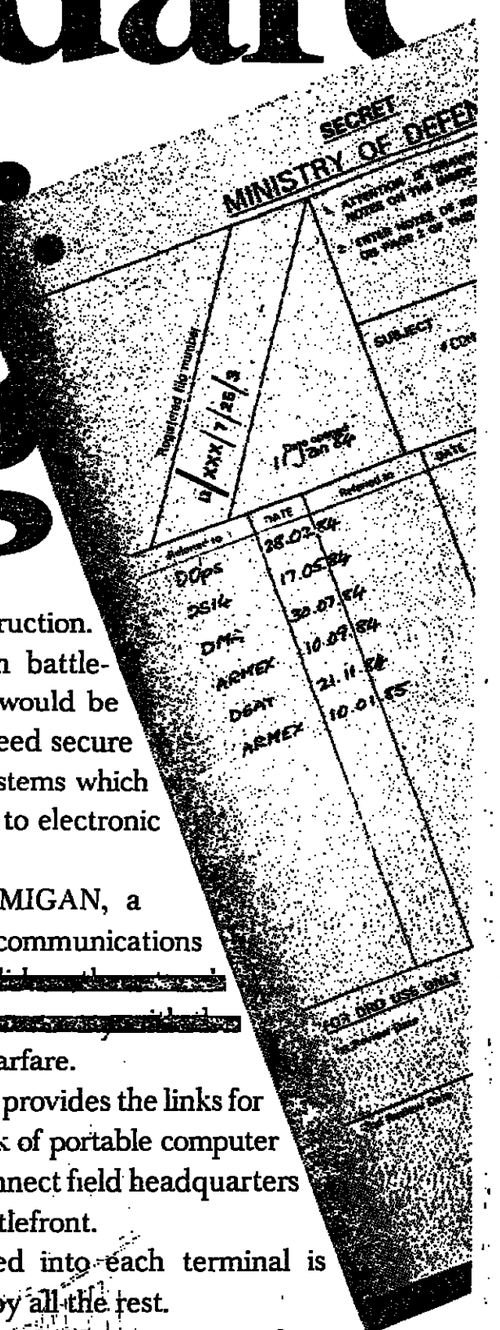
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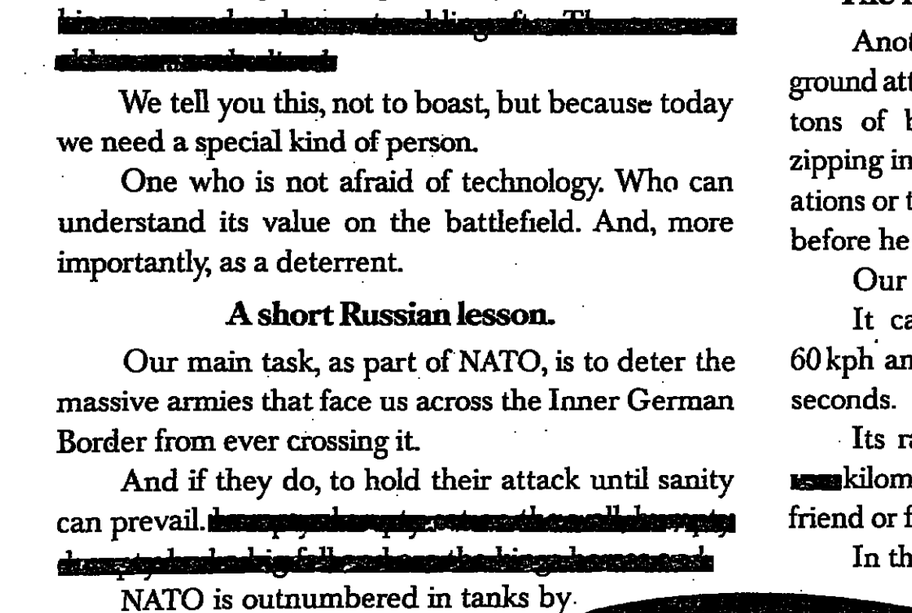
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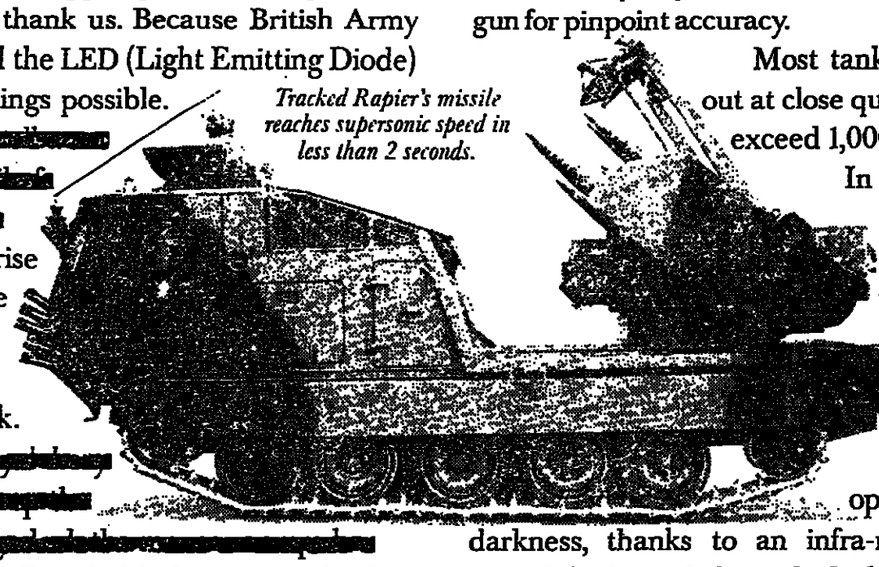
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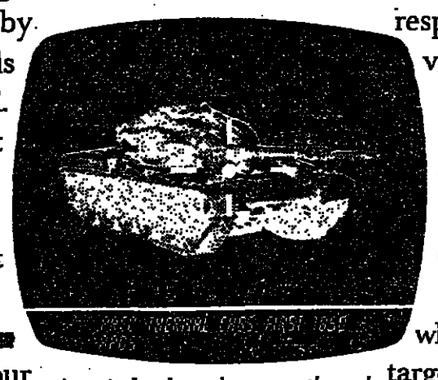
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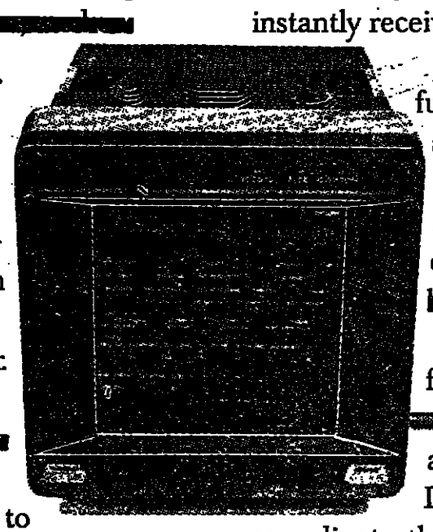
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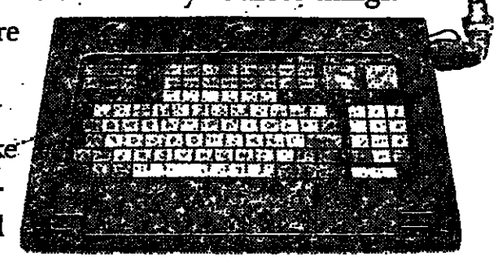
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THE TIMES DIARY

Heath treatment

Mrs Thatcher and her cronies ain't seen nothing yet from their arch-critic, Edward Heath. I'm told that the former prime minister is saving the full force of his spleen for shortly before the next election. That is when, for maximum impact, he plans to publish the no-holds-barred memoirs I mentioned on Monday and in which, no doubt, he will make his true feelings for Mrs Thatcher and her politics only too abundantly clear. Far from still deciding on a publisher, as he suggested, Heath is on the verge of signing a contract with Weidenfeld, whose chairman, Lord Weidenfeld, has been pursuing Heath for months. A deal has been cobbled together with *The Sunday Times*, and for the serialisation and publication rights, Heath will receive in excess of £100,000. A hefty tome of some 200,000 words is envisaged. Heath will have to get cracking to complete it in time. As well, then, that he is about to move to a new and tranquil home in The Close near Salisbury Cathedral.

Prime suspect

Mrs Thatcher was profuse in her praise of Julius Nyerere, the Tanzanian president, at a Downing Street lunch yesterday. He had, for example, been a "domineering" influence at the Commonwealth conference. Nyerere, in reply, expressed surprise at the description. Turning to Sir Sonny Ramphal, Commonwealth General Secretary, for corroboration, he said he had had the impression that that role had been filled by "someone else".

Police confessions

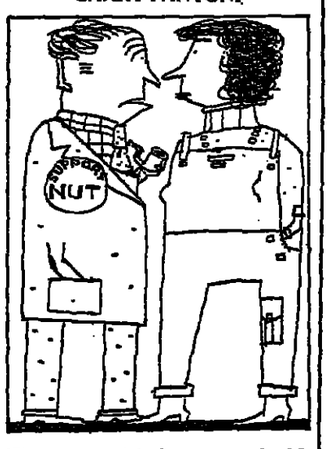
The current *Police* magazine records the gaffe of the newest recruit to the police division at Birkenhead in Merseyside. The constable – who shall remain nameless – received no reply at the address of a reported burglary. He went inside, and sat down in what he thought was a small waiting room. Suddenly he was startled to hear a disembodied voice saying "Can I help you?" He then discovered he had gone to the wrong address – he was sitting in a confessional box of the local monastery.

● **In a list of notes to volunteers collecting at a recent flag day in Paisley, Amnesty International stated that after a short while, "you also begin to get an idea of who is likely to give and who isn't; e.g. steer clear of people in sheepskin coats".**

Write or wrong

So much for publishing being a genteel profession. Certain publishers will be incandescent when they read next week's edition of the Society of Authors' magazine *The Author*. It contains a survey of companies which consistently pay their authors late. In the "bad" category come Robert Maxwell's companies Macdonald and Pergamon, which pay on average 10 weeks late. The Academic Press, Webb and Bower and legal publishers Butterworth pay 15 weeks late, and Weidenfeld pays 26 weeks late. The "ugly" category includes Allison and Busby, John Calder, and Ward Lock. This is for those who take between six months and two years to pay, or fail to produce royalty statements at all.

BARRY FANTONI



'I'm going out to hang around with the unemployed kids I used to teach'

Bad egg

The Tory Party should perhaps review its £30,000 grant to the Federation of Conservative Students. Motions for the FCS Easter conference include calls for: privatizing the Royal Family; the execution and torture of Arthur Scargill; the singing of *Land of Hope and Glory* at each conference session; the death penalty for socialists, communists and anyone left of Mrs Thatcher; Downing Street talks with Chilean dictator General Pinochet; support for chemical weapons; and the spurning of anything requiring the FCS chairman to rise before 2pm. Another motion wants rapprochement with the "wet" Young Conservatives. There is a need: having repelled an FCS challenge during their elections this month, euphoric YCs rampaged through FCS central office rooms destroying posters of Ronald Reagan, writing "cow" across a picture of Mrs T, and daubing "Keynes is back" and "Reflate now" on the walls. Extreme behaviour worthy of the FCS.

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Arms: too serious to fudge

by Richard Perle

The principal difference between the Reagan administration and its critics on the subject of arms control lies in the standard we each set for the reaching of agreement. I believe we set a higher standard than our detractors: we are searching for agreements that will significantly constrain the growth of Soviet military power while proportionately limiting our own.

We are searching for negotiated arms limitations which, if agreed would provide for greater stability with a sharply lower level of weapons. We are trying, as the Congress has directed, to obtain agreements based on the principle of equality between the United States and its main adversary, the Soviet Union. We are attempting to achieve agreements that are sufficiently precise so that we can verify compliance with them. And in attempting all this we are mindful that there are all too many agreements that convey the appearance – but not the reality – of militarily meaningful restraint and some that are worse than none at all.

Our efforts are taking place against a background of anxiety here and abroad that clouds our vision and complicates our task. The most prominent expression of this anxiety is found in the words "arms race" and in the awesome image these words conjure – an ever upward spiral without end, a race to the apocalypse. Yet the reality is more mundane, and quite elusive.

For 15 years or more we have engaged in a sustained programme of unilateral arms reductions while the Soviet Union has been adding constantly to its arsenal of strategic and theatre nuclear weapons. Calculated in terms of megatonnage the reduction of US forces is even more impressive: we have reduced the megatonnage of our deployed weapons by 75 per cent over the last two decades.

But what has this to do with arms control? Nothing – and everything. Nothing because the US reductions and the Soviet increases have proceeded without regard to the three major treaties under which we and the Soviets have been living since 1972. Everything because the irrelevance of the treaties, designed to regulate the competition in strategic weapons, has become increasingly clear as the Soviet build-up has continued.

Indeed, it is striking how nostalgia for the arms control of the early 1970s has become an almost automatic response to current concerns about "the upward spiral of the arms race" – as though the agreements of the 1970s were not still in effect. Every strategic weapon added to both US and Russian arsenals since 1972 has been added under the terms (sometimes interpreted generously by the Soviets) of one treaty in force, one expired but still observed and one never ratified but adhered to nevertheless.

It has become commonplace for the US administration's critics to accuse it of a lack of seriousness about arms control. In support of this there are learned journalistic excursions into the bureaucratic world of the heroic but ineffective "good guys", who are serious about arms control and the dominant "bad guys", who are secretly opposed to arms control and block it at every turn but go through the motions in a false show of seriousness.

But what does seriousness in arms control mean? Is it a sign of seriousness to make concessions to the Soviet desire to accumulate and preserve significant advantages in nuclear weapons? Is the ease with which we abandon our objectives and make "progress" toward an agreement – any agreement – a sign of seriousness? Is there any relationship between seriousness and the content of the agreements we seek to negotiate?

The charge that this administration is not serious about arms control, because it has set a standard for agreement that is difficult to achieve precisely because it is worth achieving, is damaging and unworthy – damaging to our efforts and unworthy of those who make the charge. The burden of advice we are receiving from many of our critics amounts to little more than that we should modify our proposals so as to permit the Soviets to retain a vastly larger strategic arsenal than the levels the administration has proposed.

According to this view seriousness is to be found on the side of the big guns – or, in this case, the big missiles. Demand too much restraint on the part of the Soviets, even though the levels we have proposed would be equal for both sides, and you are not serious. Hold out for an agreement worthy of our children's respect (and with some chance of protecting their safety and liberty) and you are not serious. Seriousness resides with those who don't worry too much about the terms of an agreement as long as something gets signed.

That is, needless to say, not our view. Seriousness requires clear-sighted objectives, militarily significant outcomes, agreements that are equal and verifiable and the patience and courage to achieve results. It cannot be done quickly or easily. Our adversaries will not permit it. They prefer to wait for terms more to their liking – terms which, like those to which they have become accustomed, leave their military programmes largely unimpeded, their build-up undiminished.

With the new Soviet leader in place, it will not be long before we hear the charge emanating from Geneva that we are not serious. I suspect that the Soviets in Geneva will propose that we hold up research on strategic defence; that we freeze our strategic forces; that we freeze the deployment of intermediate missiles in Europe. In short that we stop where we are, enshrining for the Soviet Union the advantages it has achieved and leaving the US, now poised to regain the balance on which our security depends, unable to complete that programme.

I hope and trust that this administration will not yield to the pressures and the temptations to do so, that we will be fortified in our efforts to remain serious about arms control by gatherings like these and by their contribution to the battle of ideas, without which none of the security programmes mean very much or can be brought to fruition.

The author is US assistant secretary of defence. Extracted from a speech at the "Beyond 1984" conference in London.

Jonathan Mirsky on China's wealth debate

Get rich – but not too fast

China's Communist Party is edging away from its endorsement of the unrestrained individual pursuit of mammon. In the interest of ill-defined but still hallowed "socialist ethics" there is to be an end to the ceaseless praise of peasant entrepreneurs who enthusiastically obeyed the official slogan "get rich first" and have grown well-off even by international standards.

From the inception of the "responsibility" or "contract" system in 1979, which encouraged personal enterprise and profit-seeking, rural output has soared. Peasant incomes have trebled. More grain is being produced even though fewer peasants are growing it; the rest move into profitable cash crops and light industries. After 30 years of politically fashionable stringency, country people have plunged into the production of snake gall, rare mushrooms and expensive fish. Household incomes of 100,000 yuan or £30,000 a year are now a recognized category. Rich villagers splash out on multi-storey houses, light aircraft for crop-dusting and package tours to Japan.

But such a free-wheeling atmosphere has led to colossal corruption and to growing anxiety among committed revolutionaries that the ideal of communal endeavour is dying. They note that when still-devout Maoist officials in the countryside try to curb market-oriented profiteering, or when rich peasants are assaulted by neighbours afflicted with envy, "the red-eyed disease", they face threats of official retribution on the ground that wealth differentials should be as wide as possible. According to certain party theorists, the rich animate the poor, who are lazy and less clever.

Such theories have evidently aroused fears in other party circles of a polarization of society. Last week, in an attempt to allay such fears, Deng Xiaoping – a supreme pragmatist but also a veteran Communist who still wears a Mao suit – denied that his economic intentions were ideologically impure: "All the policies we have



adopted . . . are designed to develop a socialist economy . . . We definitely should not let our youngsters fall captive to capitalist ideology."

There are signs of a shift in the way success stories are presented to the nation. Instead of, say, a car-buying egg-producer, the latest model for emulation is an entire village, Daqiu, near the northeastern city of Tianjin. The hero of the village is its Communist party secretary, Yu Zuomin, who has been interviewed in his carpeted office by the official Chinese news agency. Wearing a natty western suit, Yu said that until a few years ago he went about in rags.

He emerges as a go-ahead Dengist. Because of his determination, the village of 3,100 inhabitants made the equivalent of $5 million last year. He attributes Daqiu's new wealth to the post-Mao policies under which a few especially enterprising peasants have contracted to farm most of the village land and have increased its productivity.

The news-agency report provides no details – in contrast to previous success stories – of how this or that villager, much less Yu himself, intends to indulge himself in colour TVs, washing machines, motor cycles or a digital watch.

Last week two senior leaders provided the ideological underpinning for Yu and his model village. Hu Qiaomu, a Politburo member and leading theoretician, expressed distaste for workers who "desire to get rich" and observed: "We should not excessively or improperly publicize the 10,000-yuan [£3,000] or 100,000-yuan-a-year households. . . . We should overcome the unhealthy tendency among some people of putting money above all else or judging a person's social status by his income."

This is a significant warning from a party which as late as last month held that the rich need only get richer, and condemned as "Robin Hoodism" the view that money should be taken from the rich to help the poor. The day after Hu spoke, a vice-premier, Tian Jiyun, praised rich peasants whose "socialist conscience" stirred them to give money to social welfare projects.

The Dengists fear that the class hatred and violence that distorted the old society have begun to resurface, "red-eyed," in the post-Mao era. They can see that relaxing of economic controls, and repetition of the slogan "get rich first" after three years of enforced austerity can lead to bitterness among the 100 million Chinese, one in 10 of the population, below the already low official poverty line. To such people the new rich gliding by in their Japanese limousines are not models – they are another species.

Despite Deng Xiaoping's assurances last week that "our ultimate goal is Communism" (no date offered) many Chinese must feel that Marxist-Leninist ideals, always uncertain as the party veered about, have been jettisoned in favour of anything-goes, or what Deng calls "unhealthy tendencies".

A country of increasingly rich entrepeneurs bent on buying everything they have ever imagined, who ignore 100 million illiterate badly-clothed unfortunates existing on 1,500 calories a day, was not the vision of the young Deng Xiaoping in 1934 when he set out on the Long March.

Jury still out on fraud trial review

The idea that trial by jury should be abolished in complex fraud cases has aroused a great deal of controversy. Backed by judges and lawyers within the legal profession's upper ranks such as the Lord Chancellor, Lord Chief Justice, Attorney General and Director of Public Prosections, the issue led last April to the setting up of a committee under Lord Roskill to examine alternatives.

There had been considerable fears that the committee's proposals were a foregone conclusion, with only details – such as trial by judge alone, or judge sitting with assessors – up for debate. Now, nine months later, those early fears appear unjustified. The focus of attention seems to have shifted, confronting the committee with a difficult task as it finishes hearing oral evidence and moves towards formulating its report.

To start with, there has been overwhelming opposition to any tampering with jury trial in serious fraud cases from all the main lawyers' groups such as the Law Society, Criminal Bar Association and Justice, the influential law reform group. More unexpectedly, there has also been opposition from a majority of chief constables. Still in favour are the City police and City institutions such as the Bank of England and the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Secondly, such evidence as witnesses have submitted on the defects of the present system do not relate to jury performance. Disquiet about jury trial in fraud cases has centred chiefly on the length of some such trials, their complexity, imposing on juries the job of assimilating a mass of highly technical and complex evidence and, among the police and City institutions, concern that prosecutions were not being brought through fears that juries would not grasp the case.

The complaints related mainly to the trial machinery and prosecution process. But it is the jury that has borne the brunt of proposals for change. Now, however, it appears there is little if any hard evidence, that juries are more likely to acquit because they have not understood. On the contrary, as the Justice lawyers say, those experienced in such trials as judges and counsel have been "impressed" by jury performance. Nor is there evidence that fraud trial juries return the "wrong" verdict more often than in other kinds of trial.

Witnesses are finding it hard to point to any number of cases or even a single important case that has not been prosecuted because it was thought too complex for a jury.

Third, there is the argument, put by a number of individuals and groups, about the difficulty in defining what cases should be classified as "serious fraud" for the purpose of some other kind of trial. Why, it is said, should a defendant be deprived of the right of trial by peers simply because he has defrauded a bank of £1 million rather than through armed robbery?

It is unlikely that the case against abolishing jury trial has entirely been made out. But if abolition is recommended it would be due to only a small number of trials, which even the pro-abolitionists may not regard as enough to justify such a fundamental change.

In the meantime the committee's deliberations will inevitably move to areas where there is clear consensus: the need for reform of the existing trial process. Several ideas have been put forward to simplify all complex trials, this would catch serious fraud cases but avoid the need to hive them off into a separate category.

In particular there is support, most recently expressed by the DPP for abolishing committal proceedings in complex cases because of the time spent before magistrates hearing technical evidence. In one gold VAT fraud known as "Operation Ernie" the documents were said to stand 31 ft high.

The police argue that "old style" committals, where all the evidence is reviewed, should be scrapped except where a case can be made out for one. Such committals were used in one quarter of all fraud cases in London, they say. But whether committals are retained or not, Justice lawyers argue it is essential that, as with commercial cases, the trial judge should be appointed and brought in at a very early stage.

There is also widespread backing for statutory pre-trial reviews with wide powers for the judge to examine evidence and try preliminary issues. He should be able to require the prosecution to review overloaded indictments, require both parties to present an agreed statement of facts at the trial itself, and require the prosecution to serve a copy of its opening speech on the defence. These hearings should have priority status over other cases, and be attended by senior counsel briefed for the trial and not, as now, by a junior. This idea, which would improve continuity of the conduct of the trial, should be enforced – the Law Society says – by costs penalties.

The committee may go further and consider the need for some form of defence disclosure to make such proceedings really work. Police say the defence should be obliged or encouraged to disclose the matters they intend to contest at trial, and to outline the thrust of their arguments. This would avoid the expense of the prosecution producing volumes of documents which are never challenged.

The idea would be highly controversial and is strongly resisted by lawyers. Only in two circumstances at present does the defence have to disclose evidence in advance: when it has an alibi defence, and when using an expert witness. Both the abolition of committals, which allow for defence cross-examination, and pre-trial defence disclosure strike at hallowed defence rights. But they may gain ground if the committee decides jury trial should stay.

Some other proposals are in the melting pot: ending the defence right to three peremptory challenges of jurors, on the ground that these are used to remove "anyone with a pin-stripped suit", the use of specialist panels of circuit or High Court judges in serious fraud cases and special units of prosecuting solicitors who, with accountants and other experts, will assist with police investigations at an early stage, rather than being brought in at the end. The new Fraud Investigation Group under the DPP, with its team of Department of Trade officials, accountants and legal experts, will go some way towards such early co-ordination along the lines of fraud "task forces" in the United States.

In these ways the Roskill committee may well steer away from ending trial by jury, but it will have to convince pro-abolitionists that other less radical reforms will work. The City institutions will probably object. They may have to look beyond the criminal justice system, however, to the forthcoming regulatory system for investor protection and the much-needed rules and sanctions the City now lacks, to put their own house in order.

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Mr Lawson faces the facts

Politics are about priorities, and Mr Lawson's Budget was an astute recognition of the political priorities to which this Government must adhere if it is to have a significant future. First, it must not lose its one overriding achievement of beating back inflation, since this is the essential precondition of everything else it seeks to do.

Secondly, within that condition it must now act positively to promote employment. It is no longer enough to say that enough jobs will come automatically with industrial revival. That will not happen, and the Chancellor's speech specifically acknowledged that although stable employment depends on the elimination of inflation, it is not guaranteed by it.

Third, but not far behind the others in importance, the Government needs to keep the allegiance of its natural supporters. This means that they must not be gratuitously alienated by actions which might be justified if strict economic criteria could be applied in a world emptied of politics, but which in the real world simply make enemies out of all proportion to the expected benefits.

Mr Lawson had to try to make his Budget serve these priorities, but he was forced to operate from within an uncomfortable box. To start with, the planned total of public spending this year will be exceeded by nearly £3.5 million, and there will have been about £2.75 billion of extra borrowing in the year now ending as a result of miners' strike.

This extra indebtedness, of course, has to be serviced in the coming years irrespective of the coal strike. But it was clear that the planned public sector borrowing requirement, set at £7 billion for 1985-86, would again be exceeded, as it has been in the past two years. One major cause had been local authority spending, which remains high despite rate-capping and which the Government, making a political judgement, has concluded cannot be subjected to further constraints. There has also been an increased take-up in social security benefits, with the result that estimates have turned out to be underestimates.

Experience of the past two years has suggested that the projected reduction in public spending between the year now ending and the coming financial year was no longer credible, a fact which had better be faced now. To have remitted taxes on any other assumption would probably have led to inflationary borrowing. That was why the decision was taken to add £2 billion to the reserves in each of the next three years, which in effect amounts to a re-costing of existing policy. As a result of all this, the room for manoeuvre in tax changes has been reduced to half the £1.5 billion estimated in the autumn.

The Chancellor was faced with the simple fact that there is currently no majority support, either in the country or the Conservative Party, for a still-tighter squeeze on public expenditure. There is, of course, the prospect of a "new Beveridge" on social spending priorities, to separate the essential from the less essential and the inessential. This is the exercise on which Mr Fowler, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, is now engaged. But that is for the future, and public assent for it has yet to be won.

There is, then, no public support for further hacking and lopping at the public spending tree as it is now shaped. Nor is the Government in a position to exercise full control over the agencies which manage public money. The pressures which the Government has faced over student grants, local government spending, and the infrastructure in the last six months have provided all the evidence needed on that score, and there is no reason to suppose that Mr Lawson, a realistic politician, had any inclination to resist the politically irresistible.

Lawson's decision not to act against what he called the anomalous but much-loved pension lump sum was a case in point. To make unnecessary enemies for comparatively minor gains (as distinct from the real imperatives) is to risk throwing power away, and with it all the benefits to the country that have been achieved since 1979.

So how was the Chancellor, from within his constraining box, to achieve the second major objective of promoting upemployment, on which a third term of government also depends? There was, of course, heavy pressure to spend and borrow more on public works with the hope of boosting demand and creating jobs. The Government rightly preferred to work on the supply side because this offers some real prospect of changing behaviour. Whether the available money is spent on the infrastructure or on cutting taxes, the effect on demand is about the same within two or three years, but the case for tax cuts is that they change behaviour and generate more output without inflation because morale and productivity improve.

People feel better spending their own money – and if anyone has any doubts about the results they only need to look at Eastern Europe, where increasing tolerance is given to private farms and smallholdings because these are so much more productive than the collectives.

On the other hand, what can be so spent is also paradoxically limited by attachment to the services now publicly supplied. Mr Lawson's supply-side boost was therefore very constrained and, on its own, raising the tax threshold for the lowest paid would probably have little impact. Taken as a whole, however, the Budget is one which will create jobs because of the national insurance changes which make it significantly cheaper to take on a worker at less than £130 a week.

By taking a tighter attitude to public spending in the coming year than in 1984/85 the Budget also helps job creation by doing nothing to impede the fall in interest rates that is essential if the economy is to become buoyant. Although Mr Lawson went out of his way to avoid giving the impression that the Budget was designed to bring interest rates down quickly, the money markets have already begun to take the point with yesterday's interest rate reductions by some of the banks. The economy should also be better placed to withstand pressures from overseas.

This is a Budget that gives no hostages, either economic or political. It may not cause many Tory hats to be thrown in the air just now, but it is likely to earn more applause when it is appraised with hindsight a year or two from now.

moreover. . . Miles Kington

Bishop taken on faith

The whole Church of England has been shaken to its foundations by its biggest challenge for centuries. The controversial Bishop of Tyne and Wear, Kevin Wilberforce, has been kidnapped – and for theological reasons!

The Bishop of Tyne and Wear, or Doubting Kevin as he is known to colleagues, has been heard to express misgivings over many aspects of the Christian faith. Not only is he not sure about many of the things written in the Bible, he is not very sure about the Bible itself, which he refers to commonly as the "two so-called Testaments". They are, he says, interesting semi-fictional works of which the original manuscript no longer exists, and he prefers to believe in the authenticity of *Hansard*, although he hastens to add that *Hansard* is not nearly such an interesting work.

But for the last four days there has been no sign of Kevin Wilberforce either. He left home on Friday to address a trade union meeting on "The Bargaining Strategy of the Twelve Apostles" and never arrived. Presumably he was kidnapped and spirited away, because on Saturday the Tyne and Wear police received a note reading:

"We have your so-called bishop. Prove he exists and you can have him back!"

This presents something of a problem to the police: they are used to dealing with demands for money, even with political demands, but this is the first time they have ever been asked to engage in intellectual debate with kidnappers.

"Frankly", admits Inspector Hadrian, the officer in charge of the bishop-hunt, "we're not equipped for this sort of high-level argy-bargy. Give us a would-be suicide on the top floor window and we can talk him down nine times out of 10. But talking philosophy with kidnappers who don't want a penny – we were never trained for this. They must be loonies."

Far from being loonies, the captors are probably the Back to Christianity Army, a traditional group of worshippers who want the Church to go back to the basics of faith, hope and jumble sales. On Saturday the police left a message for them from the Archbishop of Canterbury, 40 pages of closely reasoned text arguing the existence of the Bishop of Tyne and Wear, complete with photographs and personal items belonging to Doubting Kevin. But when they returned for the answer, all they found was a note saying: "Baloney! This wouldn't stand up in a court of law. You can do better than that. PS. Thanks for the underwear. The bishop is very grateful."

On Sunday, after an anonymous tip-off, the police surrounded a house in Durham where they were convinced the kidnappers were holed up. Hadrian of the Wall, as he is known, addressed the gang through a loud-hailer.

"Come on out! We know you're in there."

After a silence, he tried again.

"At least, we think you're in there. That is, all the available textual evidence points to the likelihood of your being in there. The overwhelming probability is that you are in the house and we have you surrounded, in the very real sense of the word."

This time there was a reply from the house.

"What do you mean by house? What do you mean by surround? You will have to define your terms before we condescend to start negotiations."

Seeing they were getting nowhere, Inspector Hadrian ordered his men to move in and invade the house. They found nothing but a tape recorder linked to a loudspeaker, repeating the message: "If you can't tell the difference between a tape recorder and a kidnap gang, how will you know a bishop when you see one?"

Shaken, the inspector has to admit that the kidnappers have gone one up in the series. A special squad has now been formed to supply convincing proof that the bishop really exists, but the inspector is begining to have doubts himself. How can he really be sure, he asks, if a crime has taken place at all?

"Should I take this crime on faith? Should I wait for more proof of the crime? Should I resign and do something more sensible? It's all very confusing."

Further developments will be reported exclusively in the More- column.

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FIRE NEXT TIME

On Saturday Mr Nigel Lawson faces the Conservative Central Council meeting in Newcastle. The council is a miniature-conference: the Chancellor has a mere twenty minute slot in the agenda; but he has a chance to begin a very large task.

His budget speech reassured the City. It relieved his back benchers of the worst threats to their quiet life down in the constituency. It restored his personal position to roughly where it stood last summer before his down-at-heel address at Brighton – the downhill slide of sterling, and the doubts over even his technical control of the economy, had brought him close to the point where no Chancellor can safely go.

But the Budget speech – for all that it was sound, skilful and correct – had little to fire the Conservatives meeting this weekend in one of Britain's blackest places of unemployment. It offered scant ammunition to the party faithful who back at home have to answer the question "What is it all for?" It is easy to say that Budget day is not the time and that up-lifting political address is not Mr Lawson's strength. He said himself recently that his short experience on the back benches made him "less skilled as a politician than is desirable" and that "that has affected the presentation of policy". It can also be said that appeals to City and country are necessarily at odds and that others should strike at the heart while Nigel looks to the accounts.

Although these statements may contain truth, they do not constitute an excuse. After six years in power Mrs Thatcher's Government still needs to shout "No!" to more spending, more borrowing, more pay, more benefits – while the political culture instinctively shouts "Yes!" to these demands. Often the Government forgets how little that culture has changed, whatever is happening in the economy. That is why Mr Lawson will be disappointed at the lack of enthusiasm for his subtle mixture of measures to create growth: his own voice amid the shouting must necessarily be small, and it is struggling hard to make itself felt.

Ask one of the Newcastle Conservatives about "supply side" and his instinctive reaction will be as to a piece of computer jargon. He will know what it means, of course; he is a modern man. But he will not understand it as he understands public spending.

Yet the supply side is not some "state of the art". It means supplying right people (by education and training) in the right places (by council house sales and rent de-regulation) at the right price (by the Budget proposals on National Insurance and Wages Councils). It provides for a mass of small policies which are inevitably harder to communicate than one grand plan. But the task should therefore, be tackled harder, not left to a City lecture, a party Conference, a Budget broadcast, like some traditional Chinese ritual. He should follow his Newcastle address with a sustained campaign throughout the country. His speechwriters should be put on overtime.

Mr Lawson has his Right Honourable friends to help him – both in presentation and action. He referred generously in his Budget speech to Mr King (whom he has clearly pressurised hard in his assault on Wages Councils) and Mr Fowler (who will have to bear the cries of the House of Commons industrial lobby against the increased cost of employing high earners). He may not be most peoples' idea of a team player. The team itself has often been shown to be short of commitment when it comes to selling its record.

But inside the Treasury is where it counts. The burden of bringing home the Government's economic policy to the British people has to be carried by the Chancellor himself, the more so, ironically, because of the very personal characteristics that make it hard for him. When Sir Geoffrey Howe was Chancellor it was perfectly acceptable to have his junior, the intellectual Mr Lawson, setting out strategy at home and abroad. But when the intellectual is in the driving seat he cannot be plausibly represented on the big occasion by his juniors. No one can stand in for the Chancellor.

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Johann Sebastian Bach was not born out of his time because, through his musical genius, he was born for all time. He is born again whenever his music touches and kindles the human spirit. Tonight, most especially, this kindling will glow fiercely again on the three-hundredth anniversary of his birth. How appropriate that he will be reborn with a performance of the B Minor Mass, quite the greatest and most completely universal of his works. And what is more fitting than that it will be sung in London by the Bach Choir interwoven with one or two Royal voices? It will inspire an audience up and down the passage of time, as it always has. But not just an audience, since that would suggest that the only stimulus of Bach's music is through listening to it when it is in fact universal in its impact, encompassing all physical, mental, spiritual, chemical and emotional dimensions.

The B Minor Mass is a monument which Bach took twenty years to build. It was never performed as a totality in his lifetime. Indeed it lay unsung for 85 years after his death and then only reappeared in Germany in truncated form. But in Britain the Bach Choir has sung it devotedly since 1876.

Obviously in the world of musicology and musical appreciation each of us has his favourite composer. There are two other most distinguished tercentenarians, Handel and Scarlatti, this year. But Bach is beyond such categories. He defies those measurements because, as Wilfred Mellers states in his book *Bach and the Dance of God*, "Bach sometimes seems super-human simply because his humanity is total."

So tonight we are not celebrating a man's tercentenary. We are, with the help of his humanity, celebrating those mysteries which encompass our humanity. They cannot be explained but the music and the rhythms will transport us to a point where, as the New Testament enjoins us, we should prepare to be "not anxious for the morrow". And why indeed should anyone be so, with this dance of time ringing in our ears from the night before?

Bach's music is inherently physical. It is a dance in the timeless tradition of all human devotion. It symbolizes mankind's attempt to reach beyond solitude, beyond pain, beyond the prison of encumbered minds. His music is an affirmation of confidence that it is indeed given to mankind to vault over the limits of intelligence in the hope that such an abandonment might help to penetrate the mysteries of our apostles and many others before them.

Long before Bach's time men and women were dancing their devotions in Africa or in that strange fusion of cultures, sounds and religions which boils in South America. Long after Bach it beats in jazz. It accumulates in the rhythmic build up of pentecostalist worship and in the echoes of modern music of all kinds. In his own rehearsals Bach, responding to his subconscious, expressed this continuity with the instruction that "the rhythm should take possession of all his limbs".

How did Bach acquire this openness? How does his universality make him still such a contemporary source? It may seem odd that, as a Lutheran, he wrote a high Roman Mass in B Minor. But though he was one of the world's great religious composers he went beyond denominations. He was concerned with the heart of the Christian mystery but, by virtue of his place in the timing of this continuous tradition, he was beyond that too.

He lived at a crucial moment in history after the first flush of renaissance rationalism and some time before the enlightenment. His contribution was to take the ordered and metrical but narrow disciplines of medieval music and interweave them with the broadening and more subtle harmonies based on a wider range of sound. Bach's achievement was to invest this music with a new spiritual dimension – indeed a rare and mysterious one – which maximized the emotions through harmony while never losing sight of the disciplines of timing and counterpoint. Here is pain and ecstasy on the one hand – the whole gamut – while on the other, underpinning and unchanging, is divine order.

"The theologians, philosophers, alchemists and music theorists whom Bach read, encouraged an equation between mysteries, magic and number, absorbed from Greek and oriental sources, from scholastic philosophy and in pseudo-scientific form from the metaphysicians of the then present. Such concepts exerted an increasing influence on him" writes Mellers. Such concepts, though we do not always recognize it, influence us all still today. They give force to those heavenly voices not just of the B Minor Mass, but in all that unparalleled and encyclopaedic output of Johann Sebastian Bach, so much of which has been tragically lost to posterity.

That is a double loss because each and every composition of Bach's was a single forward step in a long voyage of discovery. It was never an isolated piece. It always related in some way to previous compositions of himself or some other composer with the intention of developing, experimenting or even exhausting certain specific principles of musical composition. So it was never wholly repetitive though often a reaffirmation of something important which had gone before.

Tonight, there is to be another reaffirmation, three hundred years on, not of past history but of the future, based on a sure knowledge and a principled awareness of that past. As the nineteenth century philosopher Thoreau wrote: "It is the province of the historian to find out not what was, but what is. Where a battle has been fought, you will find nothing but the bones of men and beasts; where a battle is being fought, there are hearts beating". There are hearts beating and tonight, with Bach's music, we will go out to seek tomorrow, following (like Bach) the injunction of Luther to be "entering confidently into the darkness of the future".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unity of Alliance on arms control

From Sir Clive Rose

Sir, It is sad that from the first sentence of your leader (March 18) you should have so completely misinterpreted the effect and thrust of Sir Geoffrey Howe's speech to the Royal United Services Institute on March 15. Far from dividing the Alliance, the purpose was to underline the extent of the ground on which it is united and to indicate the agenda which will need to be addressed in future consultations if this unity is to be maintained.

The prospect of disunity was undoubtedly high last year, as a result of what seemed to be exaggerated expectations of the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) emanating from American sources, which you, Sir, readily espoused. There was concern in Europe that the implications of the SDI for European security, for arms control and for the strategic balance had not been adequately thought through.

The Prime Minister's achievement in December was not only to secure American recognition of this concern but also to provide an agreed basis on which a sceptical Alliance could rally before the opening of the arms control talks in Geneva. American official spokesmen have made clear the importance they attach to this.

But if the subject is not handled carefully and sensitively within the Alliance, that is to say, unless there is the sort of consultation in depth advocated by your writer, Geoffrey Smith, on March 15, as the research programme progresses and, in particular, as decisions are being taken about the use to be made of the research, this unity is likely to be short-lived.

Sir Geoffrey rightly drew attention to the risks of Soviet attempts to divide the European allies from the Americans as the Geneva talks proceed, and the report from Moscow on page 1 of your March 18 issue shows how real these risks are. Far from being ill-timed, the Foreign Secretary's warning of potential problems is particularly necessary at this early stage both of the East-West negotiations and of the American research programme.

No-one who recalls the Galosh/MIRV (multiple independently-targetable re-entry vehicle) saga and the effect of MIRV testing on the prospects for a MIRV ban in SALT I is likely to misunderstand the significance of his message about the need to prevent technological development from driving policy decisions.

What you describe (March 6) as "the long-term rationale of the SDI for the defence of Europe as well as of the United States" has not yet been convincingly explained either by you or anyone else. Research must continue and you rightly draw attention to the major Soviet efforts in this field. On this we are all agreed.

But the questions posed in Sir Geoffrey's speech are not "ill-informed"; they are derived from a serious desire to ensure that the future defence of Europe is based on a sound rationale which all those whose security is at stake can accept. This is the only basis for the continuing cohesion of the Alliance.

Yours faithfully,
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March 19.

Broadcasting's troubles

From the Managing Director of BBC Television

Sir, In the letter (March 6) from Eamonn Butler, of the Adam Smith Institute, he refers to the seductive idea that the BBC should abandon entertainment programmes to the whim of sponsors and advertising agencies.

A major BBC achievement over the past 60 years has been the maintenance of quality and care for contemporary popular programming in drama, sport and entertainment. To compromise these areas would remove the very heart of public service broadcasting.

Once competition for advertising money is introduced it is "goodbye" to the development of programmes like *Last of the Summer Wine* and *Yes, Minister* and "hello" to even more give-away shows.

Yours sincerely,
BILL COTTON, Managing Director of Television,
BBC Television Centre, W12.
March 13.

From Mr Dennis Guerrier,

Sir, In his "Yours sincerely" (March 13) Mr Bill Cotton says that the BBC does not stoop to such tactics as to rest *Dr Who* as a "publicity stunt". He asks your readers to accept his assurance that this "stunt" is not connected with the BBC's licence-fee application.

If this is so, why was the BBC unable to give the present Dr Who some advance warning that it was going to "give the programme a short rest to allow it to return "revitalised" only "eight months" later than originally planned"? Who is kidding whom? Or doesn't Mr Bill Cotton know?

Yours faithfully,
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Honourable lordships

From Mr J. A. Stenhouse

Sir, A great deal of interest has been generated concerning the recent sales in London of various manor lordships. It seems a great pity that these lordships, many of which date back to the Norman Conquest and are mentioned in The Domesday Book, should have been bought by various Britons and foreigners in an attempt to "buy themselves into the history of England."

Perhaps it might be more constructive for these lordships to be used in the manner originally intended, so that the Crown would acquire them and divest them of various rights (avoiding thereby the various environmentalist concerns attaching to these recent sales) and then use them in much the same way as knighthoods and the various orders, so as to honour men who have given Britain and Britain's interests great service.

In this manner, such lordships would remain wholly in the hands of Britain and, rather than being useless vestiges of a feudal land law system, would thereby be given value and worth.

Yours sincerely,
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March 13.

VE-Day celebrations

From Mr Alfred Youngs

Sir, Bernard Levin (March 14) rightly draws attention to the need to remember on the fortieth anniversary of VE day, those who with heroic courage worked for the overthrow of Hitler.

This city is twinned with Bonn. Last year its church representatives were received into the homes of their West German hosts; a return visit is planned for this year. In doing so, we shall remember a great churchman, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a member of the resistance, who with members of his extended family, made the supreme sacrifice.

Yours faithfully,
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March 14.

Opposition to Khomeini

From Mr A. Matine-Daftary

Sir, Mr Esna Ashari, in his letter of March 2, accuses Mr Rajavi and his friends of collaboration with Khomeini's regime and contempt for human rights.

It is amazing that the royalists, who ruled Iran tyrannically for a quarter of a century, have now the effrontery to accuse us of contempt for human rights. These allegations are simply not true. Of course, parties forming the National Council of Resistance, of which Mr Rajavi is the chairman, participated in the anti-royalist revolution, but they have never been in the Government or collaborated with it.

Right at the beginning of the revolution one of the Mojahedin leaders, Mr Saadati, was arrested and subsequently executed; their public meetings were also disrupted. The National Democratic Front, another member of the NCR, was an outspoken critic of Khomeini from the morrow of the revolution and it was banned for defending freedom of the press in the summer of 1979. At the same time the headquarters of the Mojahedin was closed down.

Yours faithfully,
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March 3.

The first cormorant?

From Ms Susan Moor

Sir, It seems that cormorants are more urbanized than is commonly supported (letters, March 14).

One morning last autumn my mother was driving towards the Jarrow entrance of the Tyne tunnel. Much to her surprise, she observed a cormorant on the pavement, a bird looking healthy and relaxed as it waddled nonchantly in the opposite direction, oblivious to the heavy traffic.

I used to think that the Sherlock Holmes case of "the politician, the lighthouse, and the trained cormorant" (never recounted in full) must have been merely a whimsical fabrication by Dr Watson. Now I am not so sure.

Yours faithfully,
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Setting stage for teachers' talks

From the General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers

Sir, In your leader today (March 19) entitled "Staff room discipline" you make the entirely valid point that it is worthless speculating on the cost of the structural reforms for the teaching profession until such time as the teachers' organisations and the employers agree about how they are going to negotiate a package and, better still, complete the negotiations in a series of proposals which will meet the needs of the education service.

Those needs will incorporate salary structure, promotion prospects, assessment and a new definition of a teacher's contractual obligations. It is only at that stage that we can start to apply some form of negotiating pressure on central Government, in terms of the undoubted need to be far more flexible than Sir Keith Joseph has been in terms of expenditure commitment.

As you point out, Sir Keith is at fault in his refusal to amend the Remuneration of Teachers Act by bringing pay and conditions of service together.

I have this morning received a letter from Sir Keith on this subject, in which he states that if the NUT is determined to impede progress there is little prospect of a negotiated settlement, whatever the machinery. He remains to be convinced of the advantages of amending the Act.

When we met Sir Keith last Thursday to discuss the whole subject of structural reform for the teaching profession my association pointed out that until the Burnham negotiating machinery was reformed it was not possible to put the NUT to the test, and that at the present time they were able to be obstructive in their tactics because of the legal separation of salaries and conditions of service.

Sir Keith must move urgently to at least give the teaching profession and the employers appropriate machinery, because the existing set-up is not only an incentive to obstruction but is also quite unnecessarily burdensome in its inefficiency.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HART, General Secretary,
National Association of Head Teachers,
Holly House,
6 Paddockhall Road,
Haywards Heath,
West Sussex.
March 19.

From Mr J. W. Neville

Sir, Solihull's decision to deduct £2 from the salary of any teacher failing to cover for an absent colleague's 40-minute period evaluates the teacher's time at £3 per hour. In Kent, a teacher performing a lunch duty for 40 minutes is entitled to a free lunch, which would otherwise cost 72p, representing a rate of £1.08 per hour.

Few business directors would dream of asking 10 employees to work an extra 40 minutes to cover for an absent colleague, or expect their staff to have half a lunch-break once a week. Nor would they offer such derisory compensation.

If such be the value placed upon the extra commitments regularly undertaken by teachers, is it surprising that they feel aggrieved?

Yours,
J. W. NEVILLE,
40 The Ridgeways,
Southborough,
Kent.
March 13.

After the master

From Mr Paul Lusk

Sir, Without any disrespect to Lord Esher (March 9) I cannot allow to stand uncorrected the implication that 1950s council housing was "community architecture" insofar as tenants were shown exhibitions of the homes before moving in, and asked for comments afterwards.

The new-build co-ops in Liverpool, which HRH Prince Charles has identified as leading examples of "community architecture", have mostly been formed on the initiative of tenants in demolition programmes who, by forming suitably registered co-ops, have been able to choose and appoint their own architects, successfully control the design process from the outset, and collectively own and manage the completed estates.

However much Lord Esher and his generation sought to respect the needs of the consumers, they were in no sense the *clients* for his services, and it is precisely the *client* role that "community architecture" is all about.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL LUSK (Principal Co-operative Development Officer),
Co-operative Development Services (Liverpool) Limited,
39-41 Bold Street,
Liverpool,
Merseyside.
March 12.

Commons investigation

From Mr Robert Render

Sir, Your report (March 14) that there is to be an investigation by the Commons Committee of Privileges upon an alleged leak in *The Times* draws attention to the disturbing matter of a person or body being or being seen to judge in one's own cause. I will not, of course, seek to comment upon the particular case.

As Erskine May makes clear each of the two Houses of Parliament has power to punish... all contempts of the Houses, whether committed by Members or by persons who are not Members...

This power is akin in nature and origin to the powers possessed by the Courts of Justice to punish for contempt.

The powers of the crown court are in fact wider than Erskine May suggests so that apart from contempt, not even the Supreme Court may exercise a supervisory jurisdiction "... in matters relating to trial on indictment" (Supreme Court Act, 1981, S.29(3)).

Thus in these various areas, the House of Lords, House of Commons, crown court and courts martial generally (with minor exceptions) have power to act as accusers, investigators, judge, jury and executioners. The fact that in the main such powers are exercised with restraint and sparingly (you yourselves cite *The Economist* case in 1975) is beside the point.

Where a body (whether one of the Houses of Parliament or a court) is able to act, without supervision or largely without supervision, in a matter in which it clearly has an interest justice cannot be seen to be done.

In matters of contempt of court, the aggrieved person may generally seek relief from a higher court. It is perhaps time that:

1. The House of Commons allowed an appeal to lie. Possibly the most obvious appellant body would be the House of Lords.
2. The High Court were given jurisdiction in its supervisory capacity "in matters relating to trial on indictment".
3. In the final years of the twentieth century would it be too much to expect even the House of Lords itself to allow appeals from its orders for contempt? I hesitate to suggest the House of Commons as the appellant body.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT RENDER,
Robert Render & Partners,
Halifax House,
6/7 St John Square,
Cardiff.

Homespun

From Mr C. J. Spencer,

Sir, During a conservation project one of my pupil's, Samantha Richards, aged 11, dissected an oak apple marble gall to investigate its internal structure. She cut through the gall revealing in section the exit hole of the gall wasp. She noticed that a spider had constructed a web within the hole. I was unable to identify the spider and so Samantha sent the gall and contents to the Natural History Department of the British Museum.

Mr P. D. Hillyard (Arachnidia and Myriapoda) identified the spider as a member of the family Clubionidae, a night-hunting spider sometimes known as a sac spider because of its silken sac retreat. He suggested that the spider had not previously been observed using a gall wasp exit hole as a retreat and I would be obliged if any reader can confirm that her discovery is a previously unrecorded one.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. SPENCER, Headmaster,
Roundshaw Junior School,
Mollison Drive, Roundshaw,
Wallington,
Surrey.
March 11.

'Farce' of consultation

From the Secretary of the Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales

Sir, The annual report on *The Health Service in England* states that "The Government firmly supports the objective of making the Health Service more sensitive to the needs and wishes of consumers both individually and collectively". Sadly, the evidence does not bear out the sentiment.

The statutory machinery for consultation exists in the shape of community health councils and their national association. On March 4 we asked the Secretary of State for a briefing following predictions of a substantial rise in prescription and dental charges. No reply.

On February 7 we asked the Secretary of State to involve the association in deliberations on the limited listing of minor medicines and the review procedures which would follow the introduction of the new system. While in favour of generic substitution, we did not reject the proposals but asked for reassurance about the potential cost to poorer patients.

We and many of our member CHCs merely received a standard and irrelevant reply from an official who did not address himself to the points we raised.

On February 11 the Minister of Health announced new regulations which provided for a formal link between CHCs and family practitioner committees, updated and consolidated existing regulations and introduced a new provision to dismiss CHC members for misconduct. On February 21 we asked him to meet us to discuss our future during the drafting stage. We were "consulted" for 10 minutes by telephone on February 26.

Without straying into a legal definition of consultation or even the common-sense view of what being "sensitive to the needs and wishes of consumers" means, the iceberg of our experience whose tip I have identified suggests something entirely different. In summary, consultation is a farce.

Yours faithfully,
TONY SMYTHE, Secretary,
Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales,
Mark Lemon Suite,
Barclays Bank Chambers,
254 Seven Sisters Road, N4.
March 13.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 21, 1834

The six Tolpuddle labourers who had formed a branch of the Friendly Society of Agricultural Labourers were arrested on a trumped-up charge of administering illegal oaths. There was considerable reaction against the sentences imposed and they were released in 1836 – one returning to Tolpuddle, Dorset, the others emigrating to Canada.

[TOLPUDDLE MARTYRS]

SPRING ASSIZES.
WESTERN CIRCUIT.
DORCHESTER.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

James Loveless, George Loveless, Thomas Stanfield, John Stanfield, James Hammet and James Brine, who were convicted on Monday of administering unlawful oaths, were put to the bar this morning to receive the sentance of the Court when Mr Baron WILLIAMS thus addressed them:

Prisoners at the bar, in consequence of objections that were made by the learned counsel in your behalf to the conviction which took place upon a former day, I felt it to be my duty to take time to consider of the validity and weight of those objections. I have taken time for that purpose, and having considered the weight of them all as well as I am enabled to do, in my opinion they do not amount, in point of law, to objections to the conviction which took place on the evidence adduced. I observed upon the trial, and in your defence, or in the defence made by one of you, that there is a statement that you meant no harm against any person, and that your intention was altogether without offence. Of the intentions of man it is impossible for men to judge – it is known only to each person, and no other person can judge but by the conduct of the parties: but, however, be that as it may, there are cases in which whatever may be the intention of the parties, the necessary effect of the act done upon the public security is of such a nature that the safety of that public does require a penal example to be made; and if there be any case in which that observation applies, it surely is in a case where it is the object of men to withdraw themselves from the authority of the law, to submit themselves to no examination, and to have their conduct kept private and secret from the knowledge and observation of the rest of the world, including those persons who are bound by their oaths to maintain and administer the law. Whatever may be the private and secret intention, into which we cannot enter, sure I am, that whatever may have been the origin of such a proceeding, the conduct of men who are adopting a course which is a withdrawal from all public notice, and subject to no correction, is likely to grow worse in consequence of that withdrawal. The use of all punishment is not with a view to the particular offenders or for the sake of revenge – that is not the view of those who administer the law, nor the intention of the law itself; it is for the sake of example; and accordingly the fact of, which you have been convicted on evidence satisfactory to the jury, and on which, I presume, no man could entertain a doubt, that evidence has led to a conviction of a crime of that description which the security of the country and the maintenance of the law upon which it depends makes it indispensable to pass the sentence the law has pointed out. Having deliberated well and seriously upon the objections made for you, – having deliberated well and seriously on what it is my duty to pronounce upon you, – I feel I have no discretion in a case of this sort, but that I am bound to pronounce the sentence of the law, which the act of Parliament has provided, and accordingly the sentence is that you and each of you be transported, &c. for 7 years.

British Library dispute

From Professor Lauro Martines

Sir, Your readers learned this morning (March 15, p2, early editions), that the British Library is now shut on Saturdays and in the evenings "until further notice". Library users were curtly informed of this 12 days ago and told that "some members of staff are working to rule and banning overtime".

What Library authorities neglected to add is that management and unions are locked in a dispute over budget cuts and planned redundancies (55 posts in the course of 1985-86). This will mean substantial reductions in Library services.

As one of the world's premier research centres the British Library attracts thoughout the year an international stream of readers and researchers who spend their hard currencies in London.

Do directors of the Library recognize neither their own interests nor those of culture and society? Have learning and access to information come to be so meanly regarded that the skimming off this year of some £90,000 from the Reference Division can suddenly have a higher priority?

Do Library management not see that on budget matters they and their staff have one and the same interest? Then why are they not raising hell in public with a Government resolved to diminish one of Britain's greatest intellectual assets?

Yours sincerely,
LAURO MARTINES,
(Professor of History, University of California, Los Angeles),
15 Glenloch Road, NW3.
March 15.

Tongue-tripping

From the Reverend Canon R. J. Halliburton

Sir, I was greatly reassured to discover that my attempt to relate the Christian religion to the modern world has not been wholly in vain when a parishioner rang recently to ask for "the Relevant Halliburton".

Yours faithfully,
R. J. HALLIBURTON,
30 Ailsa Road,
Twickenham, Middlesex.

Mr C. B. S. Dobson

Sir, I treasure the memory of the Headmistress of a Montessori school in California telling me that she was a vociferous reader. It quite put me off the system!

Yours faithfully,
C. B. S. DOBSON,
Broughton Hall, Broughton Poggs,
Near Lechlade, Gloucestershire.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 20: The Right Hon John Compton (Prime Minister of St Lucia) had an audience of The Queen this morning.

His Excellency Mr Francis F. A. Cassar was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Malta in London.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr John P. Aquilina (First Secretary), Mr Victor Cachia (Second Secretary), Mr Gaetano Brincau (Second Secretary), Mr Geffrey Cutajar (Second Secretary), Mr Emanuel Abela (Third Secretary), Mr Victor Grech (Third Secretary) and Mr Martin Sacco (Third Secretary).

Mrs Cassar had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir William Harding (Deputy Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellency Monsieur Dragi Stamenkovic and Madame Stamenkovic were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the Court of St James's.

The Queen held a Council at 12.40 pm.

There were present: the Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Right Hon Patrick Jenkin, MP (Secretary of State for the Environment), the Right Hon Norman Tebbit, MP (Secretary of State for Trade and Industry) and the Right Hon Michael Jopling MP (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

At the Council The Queen pricked the List of High Sheriffs for the Counties of England and Wales.

The Viscount Whitelaw had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

After the Council Her Majesty pricked the List of High Sheriffs for the Counties of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The Queen this evening attended a Celebration at the Royal Albert Hall given by the National Children's Home, of which Her Majesty is Patron, to mark International Youth Year.

The Queen was received by the Chairman, Royal Albert Hall (Sir Kirby Laing) and the Principal, National Children's Home and President, Methodist Church (the Reverend Gordon Barritt).

Mrs John Dugdale, Mr Robert Fellowes and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon visited Abbey hosiery Mills at Nuneaton.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire (Mr Charles Smith-Ryland) and the Chairman of Abbey Hosiery (Mr P. Robinson). Her Royal Highness toured the factory and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Afterwards The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips opened Intec Training Services at Nuneaton.

Her Royal Highness toured the premises, escorted by the Joint Managing Director (Mr S. Maharu), and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, this evening attended the Coventry Branch of the Fund's Gala 40th Anniversary Concert at Coventry Technical College.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford).

Mrs Richard Caroew Pole was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Harlech (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Washington) which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 20: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon received the Presidents of Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild at St James's Palace on the occasion of the Guild's Annual General Meeting.

Lady Angela Oswald was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 20: The Prince of Wales visited the Royal School of Military Engineering and 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) at Rochester, Kent, today.

His Royal Highness, attended by Major Jack Stenhouse, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by Sir Nicholas Henderson at the Memorial Service for the Lord Harlech which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present at the Memorial Service for The Lord Harlech which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 20: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, East African Women's League (United Kingdom), was present this afternoon at the General Meeting held at Holy Trinity Church House, Brompton Road, London SW7.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this morning opened the second phase of Rotherham District General Hospital.

In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness, as Patron, visited the National Children's Home Day Care Unit in Sheffield and later visited the Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall, Totley.

The Duchess of Gloucester travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Mrs Michael Wigley at the Memorial Service for the Lord Harlech which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

YORK HOUSE

March 20: The Duke of Kent today visited Watman Reeve Angel plc, Springfield Mill and later opened the Kent County Fire Brigade's new Control and Command Centre, Maidstone.

Captain Charles Blount was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Catering Corps, today received Brigadier R. K. Hudson on relinquishing his appointment as Director and Colonel M. Paterson on his assuming this appointment.

Her Royal Highness, as Patron of the Edward Boyle Memorial Trust, this evening attended the Memorial Lecture at the Royal Society of Arts.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

March 20: Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Peter Clarke at the Memorial Service for the Lord Harlech which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

A memorial service for the Earl of Birkenhead will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster at noon tomorrow.

A memorial service for Sir Emile Littler will be held today at noon at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

A memorial service for Sir Robert Taylor will be held today at noon at the Church of St Edmund the King, Lombard Street.

A memorial service for Mr Haig Gudenian will be held at 11 am on Monday March 25, at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street. All friends are welcome to attend.

Luncheons

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon given yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere, President of Tanzania. The other guests were:

Mr Benjamin Mkapa, Dr Mtumu Abdulrahman, the High Commissioner for Tanzania and Mrs Nyakyi, Mr Gilman Rutihinda, Mr Joseph Butiku, Ambassador Joshua W Opanga, Miss Joan Wicken MP, Mr Dorag Bantu, Mr Habib Hainhala, Professor William Makene, Major Francis N Makwaia.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP, and Lady Howe, Mr Timothy Raison, MP and Mrs Raison, Mr Barney Hayhoe, MP and Mrs Hayhoe, the Commonwealth Secretary General and Mrs Ramphal, the Bishop of St Albans and Mrs Taylor, Mr James Callaghan, MP and Mrs Callaghan, Lord Kindersley, Lord Trent, Lord King of Wartnaby, Sir Edward du Cann, MP and Lady du Cann, Mr David Steel, MP, Sir Terrence and Lady Beckett, Sir Austin and Lady Bide.

Mr and Mrs P Lu Cross, Mr Peter Hordern, MP, and Mrs Hordern, Mr George Gardiner, MP, and Mrs Gardiner, Mr George Walden, MP, and Mr and Mrs Terry Wolfe, Dr and Mrs E S Page, Mr and Mrs Neil McIntosh, Mr and Mrs Hugh Leslie, Mr and Mrs William Boyd, Mr and Mrs Peter Robbs, Sir Crispin and Lady Tickell, Mr and Mrs John Stanley, Mr and Mrs Ewen Fergusson, Mr and Mrs Charles Powell and Mr Mark Addison.

Master Mariners' Company

The Master, Captain Oliver Elsom, presided at a luncheon given by the Master Mariners' Company on board HQS Wellington yesterday. Viscount Simon also spoke.

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders

A luncheon was held for the court and livery of the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders at Vintners' Hall yesterday. The Master, Mr H. E. P. Spearing, presided. Mr G. E. S. Widdowson has been elected Master of the Company for the coming year and the Wardens will be Mr L. A. Chapuis, Mr R. Dunhill, Mr D. P. C. Harris and Mr J. W. Solomon.

Dinners

Army Board

The Duke of Kent was present last night at a dinner given by the Army Board at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was the host. Army Board members present were General Sir John Stanier, General Sir Roland Guy, General Sir Richard Trant, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vincent and Mr John Blelloch. The guests included:

The Ambassador of Portugal: General Jorge Salazar Braga, Lord Aldington, Lord Soames, CH, the Right Rev Ronald Gordon, Mr James Prior, MP, Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall, Lieutenant-Commander Sir Richard Buckley, Major Sir Patrick Wall, MP, Sir James Blyth, Mr Brian Robson, Major-General Andrew Watson, Mr Michael Jenkins, Brigadier Paul Orchard-Lisle, Brigadier Rafael Ferreira, Colonel Manuel Sarmento, Mr Stanley Honeyman, Mr Miles Hudson and Mr Fergus Hughes-Onslow.

Lincoln's Inn

An amity dinner was held on March 8 by Lincoln's Inn for the benchers and honorary benchers of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland.

Caledonian Club

Viscount Whitelaw, CH, and the Agent-General for Nova Scotia were guests of honour at the annual member's dinner held at the Caledonian Club yesterday. Lord Campbell of Croy, president of the society, was in the chair.

1912 Club

Mr Leon Brittan, QC, Secretary of State for the Home Department, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held at the House of Commons yesterday at the invitation of Mr Roger E. Sims, MP, chairman of the club. A vote of thanks was proposed by Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, a vice-president.

Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers Company

The Master of the Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company, Mr T. J. Connolly, welcomed representatives of the motor industry at a dinner held in Skinners' Hall yesterday. Other speakers were Mr R. G. Croall, Mr D. J. Connolly, Renter Warden, and Mr J. Harry Hooper, President of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. The guests included Lord Lucas of Chilworth Mr Sam Toy Mr. J. T. Aldington and Mr Erik Johnson.

European Association of Professional Secretaries

EAPS UK members and their guests last night attended the association's annual dinner at the Inn on the Park. Sir Michael Palliser was the guest of honour. The other speakers were EAPS members, Mrs Penny James and Mrs Sheila Rogers and Mr Tom Donaldson, of the Morgan Bank.

Royal Institute of British Architects

The President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Mr Michael Manser, and Mrs Manser gave a dinner party at the institute yesterday. Those present were:

Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, Mr Richard Francis, Lord and Lady Kennet, Mr Louis Kirby, Mr George Nicholson, Mr Ivor Roberts-Jones, Mr John Wells-Thorpe and Mr and Mrs Patrick Harrison.

Northumbrian Cambridge Association

The Northumbrian Cambridge Association held its annual dinner at the Royal County Hotel, Durham, yesterday. Professor Ian Fells presided. Professor and Mrs Brian Thrush and Mr and Mrs Frederick Such were among the guests whose health was proposed by Professor Gordon Russell.

Faculty of Anaesthetists

At the 37th anniversary dinner of the Faculty of Anaesthetists held at the Royal College of Surgeons of England last night with Professor D. Campbell, Dean, presiding, the principal speakers were Mr Andrew Cruickshank and Mr R. S. Johnson-Gilbert. Other guests included:

Lord and Lady Porritt, Lord and Lady Smith, Sir Douglas and Lady Black, Sir Raymond and Lady Hoffenberg, Sir Reginald and Lady Murley, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Organe, Sir Desmond and Lady Pond, Sir Randolph and Lady Quirk, Sir Gordon Robson, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Slaney, Sir John Walton, Dr and Mrs T H Bewley, Professor B Clayton, Professor and Mrs R H Girdwood, Mr and Mrs V Lane, Dr J A R Lawson, Professor and Mrs R I McCallum, Mr and Mrs I A Mc Gregor, Professor A Smith, Professor Mrs J E Utting.

Mr A G Apley, Dr and Mrs G W Black, Dr and Mrs T B Boulton, Professor and Mrs A C Forrester, Mr and Mrs A H Grabham, Mr J B Hinton, Professor and Mrs W W Mapleson, Dr and Mrs J Marks, Mr and Mrs J W McLean, Dr and Mrs J F Nunn, Dr and Mrs G J Rees and Mr and Mrs D Innes Williams.

High sheriffs

The Queen yesterday appointed the following to be high sheriffs:

Avon: Mr R E J Bernays, of Tockington.
Bedfordshire: The Hon Pearl Lawson Johnston, of Meinbourne.
Berkshire: Mr R O Steel, of Winterbourne Hall.
Buckinghamshire: Mr V Q A H Nairne, of Henley-On-Thames.
Cambridgeshire: Mr J S Martin, of Waterbeach.
Cheshire: Mr R D Wilson, of Pulford.
Cleveland: Mr J M Wright, of Castle Eden.
Cumbria: Major A J R Harrison, of Wreay.
Derbyshire: Mr I F Ley, of Tutbury.
Devon: Mr M F Healhcoat Amory, of Chief Thorpe Barton
Dorset: Mr C J R Pope, of Dorchester.
Durham: Mr D J Grant of Whitesmocks.
East Sussex: Mr M R Toynbee, of Wadhurst.
Essex: Mr D W R Evans, of Terling.
Gloucestershire: Major R T N H Wills, of Misarden.
Greater London: Mr P C Macnamara, of Richmond.
Hampshire: Mr J A Leavett-Shenley, of Upham.
Hereford and Worcestershire: Captain C P Hartelnuul, of Llandinao.
Hertfordshire: Mr G N P Chaslet de Bolmille, of Stevenage.
Humberside: Mr J H Goodhart, of Great Givendale.
Isle of Wight: Mr V G Walker, of Binstead.
Kent: Major Sir Marc Noble, Bt, of Knockholt.
Leicestershire: The Hon David Brooks, of Long Whatton.
Lincolnshire: Mr M J Worth, of Grantham.
Norfolk: Brisadier Sir Jeffrey Darell, Bt, of Harleston.
Northamptonshire: Mr C H Cripps, of Hickley Lanes.
Northumberland: Mr T W Sale, of Ilderton.
North Yorkshire: Mr M T Barstow, of Sherburn.
Nottinghamshire: Mr N J F Hardy, of Cropwell Butler.
Oxfordshire: Mr A Tyser, of Wantage.
Shropshire: Mr C S Motley, of Aicham.
Somerset: Mr J S B White, of Broomfield.
South Yorkshire: Mr J R Archdale, of Mosgar.
Staffordshire: Mr A P Bamford, of Farley.
Suffolk: Captain C B H Wake-Walker, of East Bergholt.
Surrey: Mr J F Whitfield, of Sunningdale.
Tyne and Wear: Mr A I Welch, of Tynemouth.
Warwickshire: Mr J L M Graham, of Orlescroft.
West Midlands: Mr R L Harris, of Old Swinford.
West Sussex: Major-General Sir Philip Ward, of Patching.
West Yorkshire: Mr J Lyles, of Linton.
Wiltshire: Lieutenant-Colonel J G Jeans, of Broadchalke

WALES

Clwyd: Mrs N L Edwards, of Upper Colwyn Bay.
Dyfed: Dr J H Cule, of Capel Dewi.
Gwent: Mr M J M Clarke, of Monmouth.
Gwynedd: Dr D E Meredith, of Dolgellau.
Mid Glamorgan: Mr O A M Williams, of Llantrisant.
Powys: Mr C R Woosnam, of Builth Wells.
South Glamorgan: Mr W E Evans, of Pentyrrnlike, Dinas Powis.
West Glamorgan: Mr E G Thoms, of Mumbles.

The following to be high sheriffs within the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster:

Lancashire: Mr E C Parker, of Clitheroe.
Greater Manchester: Colonel T Sherman, of Wilmslow.
Merseyside: Colonel D F Moore, of Fresh Field.

Birthdays today

Lord Boston of Faversham, 55; Mr Peter Brook, 60; Sir George Fretwell, 85; Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, 52; Mr Antony Hopkins, 64; Professor Sir Joseph Hutchinson, 83; Dr Peter Main, 60; Lord Oaksey, 56; Mr Geoffrey Pinnington, 66; Sir Victor Shepheard, 92; General Sir Frank Simpson, 86; Sir Stanley Tomlinson, 73; Mr Paul Torcelier, 71; Lord Wilson of Langside, QC, 69.

Meeting

Royal Commonwealth Society

Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere spoke on "Africa – hunger and debt" at a meeting organized jointly with the Britain/Tanzania Society, the Africa Centre and the Royal African Society, at the Royal Commonwealth Society last night.

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Forthcoming marriages

Viscount Stormont and Miss S. M. V. Ashbrooke

The engagement is announced between Alexander David Mungo, elder son of the Earl and Countess of Mansfield and Mansfield, of Scone Palace, Perth, and Sophia Mary Veronica, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Biden Ashbrooke, of La Grande Maison, St John's Jersey.

Mr S. J. Doble and Miss M. R. Bignall

The engagement is announced between Simon James, son of Mr and Mrs J. Doble, of Stratton Farm, Somerset, and Margaret Ruth, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. R. Bignall, of Newport, Dyfed.

Mr A. B. Goodman and Miss C. E. Newall

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr P. Goodman and the late Mrs H. Goodman of Plymouth, Devon, and Clare, elder daughter of the late Major R. A. S. Newall and Mrs Sheila Newall, Woodsford House, nr Dorchester, Dorset.

Mr H. D. Norton-Amor and Miss M. D. Alcalá

The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs B. Norton-Amor, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Marissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Alcalá, of Siquijor, Philippines.

Mr A. H. Rich and Miss N. N. Pope

The engagement is announced between Anthony Hugh, son of Major and Mrs P. P. Rich, of Chatham, and Nathalie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R. R. Pope, of King's Lynn. The marriage will take place on May 4.

Mr A. J. D. Sampson and Miss J. A. Newitt

The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Sampson, of Pondlake, Newchapel, Lingfield, Surrey, and Jenny, only daughter of Mrs O. A. Newitt, of Norbury House, High Street, Kelvedon, Essex.

Mr C. C. Slimmon and Miss C. P. E. Wild

The engagement is announced between Craig, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Slimmon, of Oak Lake, Manitoba, Canada, and Caroline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Denys Wild of Stoborough, Wareham, Dorset.

Lieutenant P. J. Thicknesse, RN and Second Officer J. E. Bryant, WRNS

The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Thicknesse, of Serge Hill Cottage, Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire, and Jane, elder daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs R. F. Bryant, of Orwell, Cambridgeshire.

Mr J. J. Upson and Miss V. C. Chudley

The engagement is announced between Jasper, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Upson, of Braco, Perthshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Chudley, of Creaton, Northamptonshire.

Mr W. P. Wells and Miss J. E. Alexander

The engagement is announced between William Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. W. Wells, of Great Henny, Sudbury, Suffolk, and Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. K. Alexander, of Ufford, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr J. M. Witherow and Miss S. J. Linton

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr Cecil Witherow, of Marlow, and Mrs Millicent Witherow, of Stanley Crescent, London, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Linton, of Aylestone Hill, Hereford.

Mr J. Ferris and Miss D. J. J. Bangay

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs Paul Ferris, of London, and Deborah Joanna Janet, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs William G. E. Bangay, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr E. J. Walpole-Brown and Miss N. L. Bremmer

The engagement is announced between Edward John, son of the late Mr Edward George Walpole-Brown and of Mrs Winifred Stella Walpole-Brown, of Halford Manor, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, and Nancy Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ken Bremmer, Snr, of 2115 Edgar Road, Point Pleasant, New Jersey, United States.

Marriage

Mr P. Ashby and Miss F. M. Bevan

The marriage took place on March 16 in the Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey, between Mr Philip Ashby and Miss Favell Bevan. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr Richard O'Sullivan was best man.

The reception was held at Gray's Inn and the honeymoon is being spent in Egypt.

Memorial service

Lord Harlech

The Queen was represented by Viscount Boyne and the Prince and Princess of Wales by Sir Nicholas Henderson at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Harlech held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. Princess Margaret attended. The Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Mrs Michael Wigley and Princess Alexandra by Major Peter Clarke.

The Dean officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Canon Sebastian Charles and the Rev Robert Hughes. The lessons were read by Mr Edward Heath, MP, and Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, and Lord Carrington, CH, gave an address. Sir Geraint Evans, the Welsh National Opera Chorus, the English Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Mr Richard Armstrong, and Monty Sunshine's Jazz Band, introduced by the Earl of Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, also took part.

The Prime Minister was represented by the Secrety of State for the Home Department, The Lord Privy Seal, the Earl of Stockton, OM, Lord and Lady Home of the Hirsel, the Leader of the Liberal Party and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were present. Others present included:

Lady Harlech (widow), Lord Harlech (son), the Hon Pandora Ormsby-Gore and the Hon Mrs Rainey (daughters), Mr and the Hon Mrs Julian Lloyd (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Saffron Rainey, Miss Rose Rainey, Gawaine Rainey and Ramona Rainey (grandchildren), the Hon John Ormsby-Gore (brother), Katharine Viscountess Macmillan of Ovenden (sister), Sir Lees and the Hon Lady Mayall and the Hon William and Mrs Pease (brothers-in-law and sisters), Viscount and Viscountess Macmillan of Ovenden, the Hon Adam and Mrs Macmillan, Mr and David Cecil, Mr and Mrs Jonathan Cecil, Dr and Mrs Hugh Cecil, Mr and Mrs Angelo Hornak, Miss Laura Jane Ogilvy, Mrs Richard Cavendish, Mr and Mrs Ian Weston Smith, Mr and Mrs David Lloyd Thomas, the Hon Toby and Lady Emma Tennant, Mrs I J Hutchinson

The American Ambassador and Mrs Price, the Duke of Portland, the Duke of Devonshire, the Countess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, the Marquess of Douro, the Earl of Drogheda, the Countess of Plymouth, the Earl and Countess of Inchcape, Earl and Countess St Aldwyn, the Earl and Countess of Dundonald, the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, the Earl of Bessborough, the Earl and Countess of Wilton, the Countess of Gowrie, the Earl and Countess of Snowdon, Earl and Countess Jellicoe.

Viscountess Stuart, Viscount Norwich, Viscount and Viscountess Moore, Lady Christopher Thynne, Mr Charles Cecil, Lord O'Neill of the Maine, Lord and Lady Chalfont, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Inchyra, Lord Rupert Guildford, Baroness White (Cole) Harlech, Lord and Lady Quinton, Lord Denham, Lord Grimthorpe, Lord Windlesham, Lord Kenyon, Lady Carrington, Lord Soames, CH, and Lady Soames, Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord and Lady Gibson, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Chelwood, Lord and Lady Holderness, Lord and Lady Brimelow, Lord McFadzean, The Pilgrims, Baroness Ethel of Harwood, Lord and Lady Rolgate, Baroness Pike, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Gladwyn of Penrhos, CH, Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, Baroness Macleod of Borve, Lord and Lady Rayne, Lord and Lady Carr of Hadley, Lord Molson, Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Lord Inglewood, Lord and Lady Charteris of Amisfield, Lord and Lady Sellew, Lord and Lady Plunkett, Lord and Lady Lever of Manchester, Lord Wedenfeld, the High Steward of Westminster and Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, Jacqueline Lady Villiers), Lady Tanlaw, Lady Lloyd, Lady Polwarth, the Secretary of State for Wales, Mr Julian Amery, MP, and Lady Catherine Amery, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP, Sir Michael and Lady Palliser, Mr Christopher Chataway, Mr Paul Channon, MP, and Mrs Channon, Mr Richard Luce, MP (Representing the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs).

Lady Anne Lambton, Lady Lucinda Lambton, Lady Beatrix Nevill, Lady Selina Hastings, the Hon Alastair Hoyer Millar, the Hon William Douglas-Home and Baroness Dacre, the Hon James and Lady Caroline Colby, the Hon Mrs Hugh O'Neill, the Hon Mrs Laura Phillips, the Hon Shaun and Mrs Plunket, the Hon Patrick and Lady Amabel Lindsay, the Hon Mrs Wallace, the Hon Nicholas Walton, the Hon Jacob Rothschild, the Hon Sir John and Lady Sainsbury, the Hon Mrs Townend, the Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP, and Mrs Lennox-Boyd, the Hon Mark and Mrs Bonham-Carter, the Hon Christopher Balfour, the Hon Sir John Astor

Sir John and Lady Ackroyd, Sir Martyn Beckett, Sir David Wills, Sir John Rodgers, Lady McEwen, Sir Piggott and the Hon Lady Maclean, Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, and Lady Meyer, Sir Reginald Hibbert (Ditchley Foundation), Sir Ronald Harris (Yehudi Menuhin School), Sir Roger and Lady Houssemayne du Boulay, Sir John and Lady Barnes, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir Paul Bryan, MP, and Lady Bryan, Sir Edward and the Hon Lady Ford, Sir Nigel and Lady Fisher, Sir Campbell Fraser, Sir Charles Fletcher-Cooke, QC, Sir Alexander Glen, Sir John Gielgud, CH, Sir Ian Hunter, Sir Julian and Lady Hodge, Lady Henderson, Sir Haibh Kerr-Ellison, Sir Alan Campbell, Sir James and Lady Dunnett, Sir Patrick and Lady Dean, Admiral Sir James Eberle, Lady Evans, Sir David and Lady Llewellyn, Sir Jack Lyons, Sir Peter Marshall.

Sir David Lidderdale, Sir Claus Moser, Sir Byrian Pippard, Sir Eric and Lady Penn, Dame Ann Parker Bowles, Sir Roy Strong and Miss Julia Trevelyan Oman, Sir James and Lady Spooner, Sir William and Lady Rees-Mogg, Sir Michael and Lady Stewart, Sir Richard Stratton, Sir Paul Chapin Nicholas, Sir Cennydd Traherne, Sir John and Lady Tooley, Sir Nigel Trench, Sir Charles and Lady Villiers, Sir Paul and Lady Wright, Lady West, Sir Phillip and the Hon Lady de Zulueta.

Mr M J and Lady Susan Hussey, Mr and the Hon Mrs N Robinson, Mr J S Whitehead (representing the Permanent Under Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Head of the Diplomatic Service), Professor B L Clarkson (Principal, Strathclyde College of Technology), Professor Wilrich (European Movement), Mr R Geraint Gruffydd (National Library of Wales), Mr Simon Jenkins (Executive) and Mrs Jenkins, Mr Kenneth Maidment (British Film and Television Producers Association), Princess Mabel of Toro, Princess Elizabeth of Toro, Prince and Princess George Galitzine, Countess Beichendorff, Mr Jeffrey Archer, Mr Ronald Allen, Mrs David Bruce, Mr Anthony Blond, Mr Timothy Burrill, Mrs Heather Brosioc'e, Mr Michael Burn, Mr and Mrs J G Beevor, Miss Nancy Balfour, Mr Neil Balfour, MEP, and Mrs Kingman Brewster, Mrs Alan Bowness, Mr George Trenwell, Mr Carl Toms, Miss Irene Worth, Mr William Wallace, Mr Richard Williams, Mr and Mrs Wills, Mr Alan Lee Williams, Mr Des Wilson.

Professor Esmond Wright, Mr and Mrs Mark Weinberg, Mr John Wall, Mr David Watt, Professor William Mathias, Mr Martin Moynihan, Professor W Macdonald, Mr George Melly, Mr Peter Moores, Mr and Mrs Yehudi Menuhin, Mrs Rory McEwen, Mr and Mrs Richard Mere, Mr A D Peters, Mr Miles Beatty, Miller (editor, Vogue), Mrs Angela More O'Ferrall, Mr and Mrs William Mostyn-Owen, Mr David Montgomery, Mr Cameron Corbett, Sir Arthur Smith, Viscount Trenchard, Mr H F van den Hoven, Mr J D Mann, Mr and Mrs A N C Hill, Mr R H Siddons, Mr L Holmes, Dr and Mrs J G Collingwood, Mr A W J Caron, Mrs R M Anderson, Mr J D Keir, Mr E Brough

Sir Richard Young, Mr P J Dohrn and Mr R H Lomax (representing Commonwealth Development Finance Company), Mr E Kramp (Daimler Benz AG), Mr M Tauscher, Mr D Thomas and Dr R Ellenrieder (representing Mercedes-Benz UK), Mr and Mrs N A Bury, Mr and Mrs A Clinch, Mr and Mrs D Saward, Mrs L van Oene, Lieutenant-Colonel H Grenville-Jones, Mr and Mrs S R Green, Mr T G Worstall, General Sir Jack and Lady Harman, Mr W Thomson, Mr and Mrs L P Critchley, Mr C Russell, Mr and Mrs G F J van der Gaag, and friends and former colleagues from Unilever

Requiem Mass

Mr S. Sweetman

Requiem Mass for Mr Seamus Sweetman, a former Unilever vice-chairman, was celebrated by Father Christopher Cunningham at the Church of St Etheldreda, Ely Place, London, yesterday. An address was given by Mr Michael Angus and readings by Sir Kenneth Durham, Major James Sweetman and Canon Maurice O'Leary. Among those present were:

Mrs Sweetman (widow), Mrs Pat Sweetman (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs John Stokes (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs Gerard Sweetman (sister-in-law), Mr Peter Sweetman (nephew).

Lady Durham, Mrs M R Angus, Mr and Mrs P V M Egan, Mr and Mrs G K G Stevens, Mr and Mrs J Tabachnik, Mr and Mrs Stenham, Mr and Mrs F W L Mann, Mr K H Veldhuis, Mr C F Sedcole, Viscount Leverhulme, Mr and Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Sir Frank and Lady Roberts, Sir David and Lady Orr, Sir Ernest and Lady Woodroofe, Sir Frederick Pedler, Sir Desmond and Lady Bonham-Carter, Sir Arthur Smith, Viscount Trenchard, Mr H F van den Hoven, Mr J D Mann, Mr and Mrs A N C Hill, Mr R H Siddons, Mr L Holmes, Dr and Mrs J G Collingwood, Mr A W J Caron, Mrs R M Anderson, Mr J D Keir, Mr E Brough

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£7,000 for barber's bowl

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The Barber-Surgeons' Hall, one of London's old guild halls, spent £7,020 (estimate £5,000-£3,000) to acquire a very grand tool of the trade in Christie's sale of Chinese works of art on Tuesday.

They bought a barber's bowl made in China about 1720, richly decorated in colours by a Chinese craftsman with the British coat-of-arms.

The arms are surmounted by a crown and labelled on a painted scroll below with the single, misspelt word: "Engelandt". Butterflies, birds and flowers – Chinese rather than English – further ornament the bowl which has a neat semicircle cut from the rim to accommodate the client's neck.

The two-day sale totalled £468,040 with a 14 per cent unsold. A large famille rose black-ground fishbowl scored the top price at £23,760 (estimate £8,000-£12,000).

In Paris on Monday five Ottoman miniatures from a manuscript stolen from the Topkapi Palace Museum in Constantinople, probably in the nineteenth century, sold at prices ranging from 120,000 francs (£10,600) to 145,000 francs (£12,800).

They come from the Siyar-i Nabi, a superb manuscript in six volumes commissioned by Sultan Murad III in the 1590s which originally contained 814 miniatures. They are among 22 miniatures removed from Volume IV in Cairo in the 1930s; four others from this source were sold last year with a top price of 55,000 francs (£48,500) and Sotheby's are offering another seven in London on April 15.

The Victoria and Albert Museum spent £14,040 (estimate £4,000-£6,000) at Christie's on Tuesday on a watercolour of Strawberry Hill, Horace Walpole's "Gothick" villa, by Willian Pars, a new auction price record for the artist.

Walpole chose Pars to illustrate the Description which he published of his villa, but this view from the garden – full of sunflowers and hollyhocks – was not used.

The watercolour sale totalled £293,306 with 6 per cent unsold and a top price of £27,000 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) for an ink and wash drawing of fishing boats by John Constable.

Portraits from the estate of the 7th Earl of Cravan made the top prices at Phillips on Tuesday: the 5th earl as a little boy in a sailor suit by Boldini made £90,000 (estimate £10,000-£15,000).

Service dinner

University of London Contingent, OTC

The annual dinner of the University of London OTC was held last night at Handel Street. Lieutenant-General Sir John Akehurst was the principal guest. Lieutenant-Colonel N. J. Claypoole presided and the Honorary Colonel, Surgeon-Captain M. N. Naylor, was also present.

Among the guests were:

Dr William Taylor, Major-General C T Shortis, Major-General T B Palmer, Colonel G S P Carden, Brigadiers A V Young, P D Alexander, B A H Parritt, H G Meechie and P C Bowser, and the Master of the Bakers' Company

Science report

Algae offers hope to the hungry

By David Nicholson-Lord

One of the earth's oldest, commonest and most uncomplicated inhabitants is the subject of a remarkable Third World nutrition project.

The experiment offers villagers in India and Africa a source of protein with yields said to be 300 times higher than beef cattle and 20 times higher than the soyabean.

The blue-green alga known as *Spirulina*, a rich source of the B vitamins, particularly B12, is familiar to patrons of health-food shops in the West. But the methods now being used to cultivate it have given a new dimension to the concept of using locally available resources.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Rumbles start over SE white paper

The kindest thing to say about the Stock Exchange's new paper on Membership and the Constitution is that it probably repesents the best compromise possible from a situation in which there was no hope of pleasing everyone. The critical question is whether the Stock Exchange Council has succeeded in giving its 4,800 members a big enough windfall to satisfy them, without deterring some of the most influential outsiders from joining the club.

Early signs are that some provincial stockbrokers are far from happy at the likely personal benefit of £10,000 each. Equally, some of the large foreign groups may consider an entry fee of up to £700,000 over five years a sum they could more fruitfully ivest elsewhere.

The paper lays down a gauntlet to certain foreign investment houses. If they belong to a country which has obstructed British and Irish firms from entering their own securities industry, then they "may be deemed ineligible" to enter the London Stock Market in their own right. This is a barely disguised swipe at the Japanese; Sir Nicholas Goodison conceded yesterday that there is a distinct danger that the big Japanese houses may simply trade in London outside the Stock Exchange. "We have no monopoly of trading", he gamely admitted.

As the price of the present member's shares is to be determined by free bargaining, outsiders do have a straightforward incentive not to rush to claim the shares they will need to join the London market. Those who are already committed will presumably pay up and look cheerful, but we are likely to see some fascinating games of cat-and-mouse next year. Outsiders will be able to own 100 per cent of a stockbroker or jobber from March 1986, a date which has been picked with an eye to the ending of the tax year for the partnership concerned.

The Principal constitutional change proposed is that voting by individual members will be confined to elections to the Council. This means that there will be no repetition of the long and hard-fought rearguard action which rebels have mounted in the current debate. Smaller and provincial firms will still have a voice through the shares held by their firms, but the likelihood will collectively have power to ensure that their wishes are put into effect.

The ire of the backwoodsmen will not be diminished by the realization that outsiders may have to pay £500,000 over five years directly into the Stock Exchange treasury as a term of entry. In Theory the burden on the generality of members will thereby be reduced. In practice it may be seen as a potential windfall which those who have missed out on the golden handcuffs distributed to the more well-heeled brethren will not enjoy.

There is enough food for dissent in the document to suggest that the Stock Exchange annual meeting on June 4 will be no mere formality for Sir Nicholas.

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Bank pegs the fall in interest rates

The Bank of England yesterday firmly applied the brake on falling interest rates. To underline its belief that a half-point fall in bank base rates was enough, the Bank employed the rarely-used technique of "2.30 lending." Those discount houses who wanted to borrow were summoned to the Bank at 2.30 pm and offered a distinctly ungenerous rate of 13¾ per cent. Money market rates responded to the Bank's caution, three-month interbank rate closing at 13⅜ per cent. Clearly exchange rates were still the dominant factor.

Although in his Budget speech the Chancellor said that "short-term interest rates will be held at a level that will continue to bring down inflation", it appears that there is some flexibility in his previous statement of intent to drive monetary grwth down to the middle of the target range. Since sterling M3 has been bruising its head on the ceiling of the range (which has also been lowered for 1985-86), that intention would seem to require a longish period of quite severe monetary conditions.

However, Mr Lawson is shifting the emphasis a subtle degree further towards narrow monetary growth. And MO – his chosen measure of narrow money – rose only 5½ per cent during the 12 months to February (the previous monetary target period), just below the middle of the 4-8 per cent target range. Admittedly, this target has been lowered for 1985-86 to 3-7 per cent, compared with 5-9 per cent for sterling M3. Even so, the Government appears in no particular difficulty in its aim of sticking close to the mid-point.

On the foreign exchange markets, however, all remains uncertain. The pound closed at $1.1475 and the sterling index at 74 in London, still benefiting from dollar weakness but down from Tuesday night's spectacular New York levels.

The Chancellor is still disinclined to seek a European port in thiss torm. Full membership of the European Monetary System remains as remote as ever, merely a possibility when or if the currency markets readjust and calm down – and even then unlikely. The Government believes it enjoys the best of both worlds by keeping sterling in the shadow of the EMS rather than publicly attaching it to the German mark. But there were times this past year when sterling seemed rather to be enjoying the worst of all possible exchange-rate worlds.

Impressive epistle by Union Discount

Yesterday's annual meeting at Union Discount, was a characteristically civilised affair, with the noon chimes followed by the arrival of champagne. This deceptive calm, Alexander Ritchie, chairman of Union, (still the biggest player in the London discount market, along with Gerrard & National) made four quite electrifying statements about the group and the state of the market.

Union, it appears, is losing money, despite adopting an ultra-defensive position in the first quarter. The group is wary about interest rate trends. It is not in merger talks with anyone and would, all things being equal, like to remain independent. And Union is keenly interested in the Chancellor's moves to set up a new market in short-term corporate bonds. St Paul himself would have been impressed by the brevity and power of Mr Ritchie's epistle.

He refused to be drawn over market estimates that current losses may well have exceeded £2 million, contenting himself with the comment that the first half will not be at all good. On this basis, it sounds as if Union may have taken some punishment on the gilts trading book and resorted to drastic action. Nevertheless it is difficult at present to make anything like a decent return on its running margins.

Union is not alone in experiencing strange sensations. Most of the discount houses have been enjoying short commons recently, mainly because base rates at 14 per cent pushed up the cost of money, while yields on short gilts of about 12 per cent, have virtually eliminated any net return on offsetting investments. Many of the houses finish their trading year at the end of this month, and the market is increasingly braced for a series of poor results. Citicorp's bid for Seccombe Marshall may have put a price tag round most of the sector but on the basis of the last six months' results, the shop window for bids is hardly appealing.

Union's interest in the new corporate bond market is understandable. Any new market, which sucks in funds and builds up interest, is profitable for the early entrants.

The Chancellor plans to waive certain provisions of the Banking Act, to enable companies to issue their own debt, on a tap basis. Minimum amounts and maturities are £100,000 and one year respectively. Timing requests have to be made to the Government Broker in the usual way. If the response is good, Mr Lawson's move could well help the funding programme, the banks' deposit base and the control of monetary aggregates.

The funding programme has been bedevilled by the need to overfund, that is to issue and sell extra debt to neutralize the impact on the monetary aggregates of an expansion in bank lending. Authorizing companies to issue their own debt relieves pressure on the public sector funding programme.

It also takes the pressure off the banks' need in future for extra deposits – they have been suffering from building societies' competition – and restores the importance of such hallowed concepts as a good marking name.

The authorities yesterday were playing down the potential for the market, but they are undoubtedly keen to see demand for corporate bonds develop. Full marks to ICI, which made it very clear that it was keen to use the new facilities.

Volcker promise of aid for Ohio institutions lifts dollar

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, yesterday put the full weight of the central bank behind the troubled Ohio savings banks, which, he said, had raised "unnecessary questions" about the health of the American financial system.

Mtr Volcker, said the Fed, which acts as a central bank, was prepared to lend to the 71 Ohio institutions until they were strong enough to reopen and even after that if depositors remain nervous about their savings.

Later, in a formal announcement, the Fed said it had opened its discount window to the closed Ohio institutions to ensure sufficient liquidity to pay an estimated 500,000 depositors affected.

Mr Volcker's remarks had an immediate impact on the dollar which opened higher in New York after chaotic trading in London and other markets where it had fallen.

Federal officials have stated repeatedly that the Ohio crisis is not a threat to the US system since only $5 billion in deposits are involved.

Mr Volcker added, however, that he expected the dollar to remain under pressure as investors began to digest the magnitude of the growing US foreign debt and the declines in the US agricultural and industrial sectors.

At the same time, Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the American Commerce Secretary, said in Congressional testimony that he expected the dollar to begin dropping later this year as the US economic pace slowed and European growth rose.

Mr Volcker, at a meeting of the National Cattlemen's Association, said foreign investors were likely to question increasingly the advisability of pouring money into the US economy when there were so many disquieting economic signs.



Volcker: pressure on dollar to continue

He noted that foreign inflows now accounted for 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent of US gross national product sand thaat the US savings rate of between 8.5 per cent and 9 per cent was unsufficient to finance private and public capital market demands of about 12 per cent of gross natnal product.

Mr Volcker's comments coincided with the release of new government figures showing a continued burst of consumer spending last month despite a slowing rise in personal income which increased by only 0.3 per cent, down from a 0.6 per cent gain in January

Personal consumption for everything except interest payments on debts rose by 0.7 per cent, down only slightly from 0.8 per cent the month before.

Commerce Department analysts said the income and spending figures were enough support moderate growth in the economy of about 4 per cent for the first three months of the year.

But other economists are waiting for the flash estimate of US gross national product growth for the first quarter, due out today. Many expect it to show the economy slowing at a more rapid rate than had been anticipated.

IN BRIEF

Gold rush slows

Gold's progress slowed yesterday, but the metal still closed $4.50 higher in London at $322.50 an ounce. This, however, was a setback after a long morning fix produced a price of $333.25, the highest for more than three months.

A change in sentiment towards the dollar and concern over the difficulties of the Ohio savings and loans banks were the main reasons given by dealers.

But there is also a feeling that gold's longer-term fortunes may finally have changed after a protracted bear market. Some say the rise has been caused by short covering.

BICC surge

BICC, the cables and electronics group, has increased pretax profits in 1984 fom £82 million to £90 million. Turnover rose to £2,089 million from £1,902 million. An unchanged final dividend of 7.04p makes a same again 10.54p for the year.

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BET expands

British Electric Traction, the industrial services holding company, has made three acquisitions in the US, two in publishing and one in the hygiene services sector costing $7.85 million (£6.8 million).

The British Rail pension fund has built up a 6.12 per cent stake in Matthew Brown, the Lancashire brewer which is trying to fight off an £87 million takeover bid from Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, joining Britannic Assurance and Whitbread Investment Trust as a large shareholder in the company.

Jarratt to go

Sir Alex Jarratt, aged 61, who has reoriented and trimmed back Reed International after a period of over-expansion, most recently through the sale of Mirror Group Newspapers to Mr Robert Maxwell's Pergamon Group, will retire as chairman at the end of July.

Esal injunction

The Central Bank of India was granted a temporary injunction in the High Court yesterday against Mr Fahim Nasim, a director of the defunct Esal Commodities Group, preventing him removing any of his assets up to the value of £35 million out of the jurisdiction of the English courts.

Gent setback

S. R. Gent is paying an unchanged interim dividend of 1p, after pretax profits fell from £2.1 million to £901,000 for the six months to December 31. Sales rose from £37.8 million to £41.1 million. Tempus, page 21

Demise of land tax welcomed

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Housebuilders and property developers alike are welcoming the abolition of Development Land Tax.

Described by Mr Roger Emerson, the corporate tax partner of Cooper & Lybrand, the accountants, as "a farmer's tax", mostly affected land deals where a change of use was involved. For exaple, where a farmer sold his land for residential or commercial development.

Schemes where the land was a higher percentage of overall costs were most hit by the 60 per cent tax on development gain. Small developers and housebuilders with land banks stand to benefit most from DLT's demise, as their relative liability would have been high.

As Phillips & Drew, the stockbrokers, points out, many of the large property companies did not acutally pay the tax.

One company which stands to land a windfall from the abolition of DLT is the Greyhoud Racing Association, which is planning to transform some of its tracks into retail superstore sites. Stock Conversion, the subject of intense takeover bid speculation, will likewise benefit. It would have been liable for DLT if its plans to turn the White City Stadium into a retail development went ahead.

The construction and development industries, glad to have escaped the dreaded VAT man, fear that they have only had a temporary reprieve.

NI changes will boost firms

By Our City Staff

The City's investment analysts were still trying yesterday to assess the effects on individual companies of the new sliding scale for National Insurance contributions, announced in the Budget. But according to the stockbrokers Panmure Gordon, the market has not fully realized the impact the move will have on a wide range of stores, hotels, food retailers and textile manufacturers.

These are the companies with large numbers of low-paid workers. In some cases the Chancellor has given them a boost worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. In contrast, shares in financial service groups and electronics companies were being marked down becase of their cohorts of highly-paid executives.

As a rule of thumb, Panmure considers that any companies whose average pay per employee is less than £5,000 a year will be a significant gainer. The table shows some of the most dramatic cases produced by Panmure's calculations.

BENEFICIARIES OF NIC CHANGES

Company	Average salary
Charles Baynes	£3,000
Simon Engineering	£5,000
Davenports Brewery	£4,200
Wolverhampton & Dudley	£3,000
Argyll Group	£4,100
Associated Dairies Group	£3,900
J Sainsbury	£3,800
Tesco	£4,500
Midsummer Inns	£1,900
Mount Charlotte Hotels	£3,900
Prince of Wales Hotels	£3,000
Empire Stores	£4,400
Barker & Dobson	£2,800
Etam	£3,000
NSS Newsagents	£2,700
Amber Day	£3,900
Ellis & Goldstein	£4,100
Nottingham Manufacturing	£4,700
Illingworth Morris	£4,800

The stockbrokers, Phillips & Drew, said: "At a guess profits could decline by perhaps 5 per cent for companies largely dependent on a highly paid UK workforce."

Electronics companies maintaining a large research and development staff could also suffer. So too could the chemicals and pharmaceuticals industries which are capital intensive, so those staff employed tended to be highly skilled.

BOC, the industrial gases group, estimated the changes in the Budget would cost an extra £250,000 on its wage bill. It could cost BOC an additional £25,000 alone for its chairman, Mr Dick Giordano, who is Britain's highest paid boss. Last year he earned £771,600, but only a third was paid in Britain otherwise the full NI charge would be closer to £75,000.

Imperial Chemical Industries makes a net loss of £4.5 million. It has an average of 58,000 employees in Britain but made taxable profits of £1.034 million last year.

Other losers include advertising agencies.

Record sales of pension policies

By Richard Thomson

Insurance companies sold a record number of pension policies in the weeks before the Budget, with business in many cases rising to five times its normal level.

The rush to buy pensions rose towards the end of last year by rumours that the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, would abolish some of the tax reliefs on pension plans. In the event he made no changes.

The Prudential, which claims to have the largest share of the personal pensions market, said that in the first two months of this year pensions business had jumped by 157 per cent compared with the same time last year. It received 29,000 policy proposals in January and February this year.

Legal & General reported heavy buying, particularly of unit-linked policies. Its normal monthly rate is 70 to 80 proposals, but last week it received 657. On Monday of this week it received 268 and on Budget day 600.

On the day before the Budget Clerical Medical received 1,000 self-employed pensions proposals, equivalent to two months' worth of normal business. In the previous 10 days it did the equivalent of six months' normal pensions business.

The increase in business has caused considerable administrative problems. Hambro Life, the unit-linked life company, received five times the normal number of proposals in March, worth £35 million in premium income.

A spokesman said: "We were working all day Saturday and Sunday to clear the backlog.

Rising wage costs hit productivity

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Unit wage costs in manufacturing continue to rise sharply, according to Department of Employment figures yesterday. This suggest that productivity growth is slowing markedly.

In January, unit wage costs in manufacturing were up by 6.5 per cent on a year earlier. This compared with 5.6 per cent in December and 4.5 per cent in November. The rise occurred despite a 10,000 fall in manufacturing employment in January.

The rate of increase in unit wage costs has been moving upwards in recent months.

From a rate of less than 1 per cent in the second half of 1983, it moved up to 3 per cent in the first half of 1984 and 4.8 per cent in the second half.

The latest international comparisons show that Britain's wage costs are running well ahead of competitors. In the third quarter of last year, unit wage costs in manufacturing were up 4.2 per cent on the previous year in Britain, unchanged in the United States, down 2 per cent in Germany and down 5 per cent in Japan.

Average earnings figures for the economy are distorted by the effects of the miners' strike, although this is diminishing in importance.

EARNINGS AND UNIT COSTS

		Average earnings Actual	Average earnings Underlying	Unit wage costs Manufacturing
		per cent change on a year earlier		
1984	Q1	6.1	7.75	3.7
	Q2	5.4	7.75	2.2
	Q3	5.8	7.5	4.2
	Q4	7.1	7.5	5.4
	Nov	6.5	7.5	4.5
	Dec	6.6	7.5	5.6
1985	Jan	7.0	7.5	6.5

Source: Department of Employment

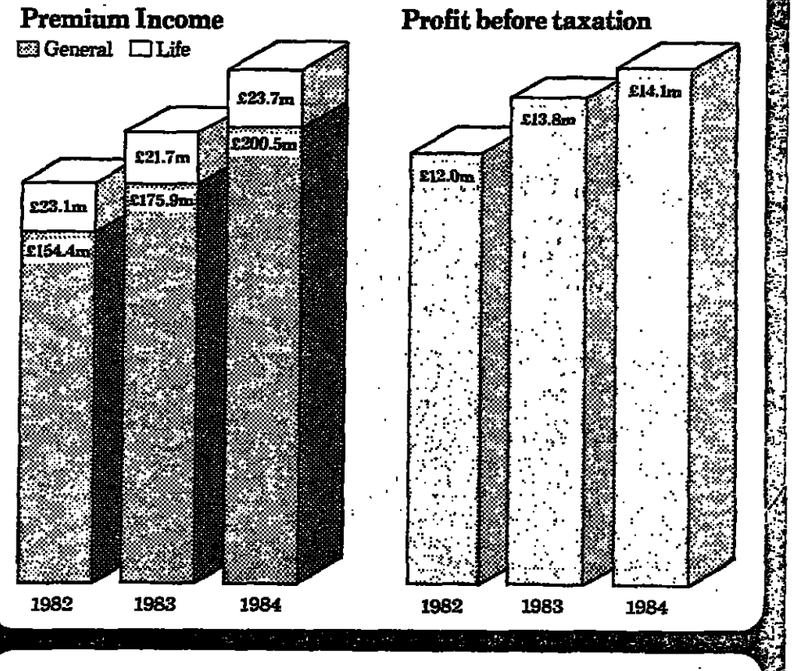
In January, average earnings were up by 7 per cent on a year earlier, compared with 6.6 per cent in December. The underlying rate remained at 7.5 per cent.

The Department of Employment has revised its figures for overtime and short-time working for the past four years. The latest figures show that overtime working, at 11.56 million hours a week in manufacturing during January, was the lowest since August.

However, short time working also fell. In January just 390,000 hours a week were lost in manufacturing through short-time working, the lowest since 1976.

The Treasury, in its financial statement and Budget report published on Tuesday, predicted a rise in labour costs of around 5 per cent over the next year.

Cornhill Insurance Group
1984 Results



	1984 £m	1983 £m
Premium Income		
General Business	200.5	175.9
Life Business	23.7	21.7
	224.2	197.6
Profits		
Underwriting result	(14.3)	(10.1)
Investment income attributable to general insurance funds	19.8	16.4
General insurance profit	5.5	6.3
Shareholders' investment and other income	7.3	6.5
General business profit	12.8	12.8
Life business profit	1.4	1.1
Share of associated company result	(0.1)	(0.1)
	14.1	13.8

Copies of the Report & Accounts may be obtained shortly from the Secretary at 32 Cornhill, London EC3V 3LJ.

Cornhill Insurance Group
A member of the BTR Group of companies

New plans for rogue directors

By Philip Robinson

The Government will present fresh proposals to the Lords today on the punishment of rogue directors, who run companies into the ground then walk away leaving nothing for creditors.

Automatic disqualification of these directories where their companies were compulsorily wound up, has been abandoned by the Government in the face of shift opposition and a defeat at an earlier debate in the Lords. Business groups and directors associations said that, although directors could apply for this disqualification to be lifted, it presumed guilt.

Instead, the Government propose to introduce a "fitness" test. It has yet to define when a director should be judged unfit, but liquidators of any collapsed companies may make a report to the Department of Trade

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1001.9(+4.4)
FT-A All Share	829.72(+0.84)
FT Govt Securities	80.67(+0.21)
FT-SE 100	1307.2(+2.7)
Bargains	25,668
Datastream USM	112.16(+0.12)
New York	
Dow Jones	1264.35(−6.73)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,541.37(+83.38)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1312.56(+11.59)
Amsterdam:	
	205.5(+0.1)
Sydney: AO	802.6(+8.8)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1,217.5(+0.4)
Brussels:	
General	305.11(+2.29)
Paris: CAC	205.5(−0.3)
Zurich:	
SKA General	345.40(+0.20)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $333.25pm-$324.00
close $321-$324 (£280-282.50)
New York:
Comex $324.4

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Resource Technology	37p +8p
Weeks Associates	16p +3p
Reardon Smith "A"	6.5p +1p
Barker & Dobson	7.25p +1p
PCT Group	130p +15p
Leeds Group	175p +17p
Johnson Matthey	75p +7p
Stoddard Hldgs. "A"	11p +1p
Acorn Computer	24p +2p
Clfer	12p +1p
Selectv	12p +1p
Burnett & Hallamshire	60p +5p
BICC	250p +18p
Precious Metals	111p +8p
Yelverton Invtmt.	29p +2p
C.H Bailey	22p +1.5p
Hugh Mackay	88p +6p
Mercantile House	314p +20p

FALLS:

Radio City "A" nv	28p −5p
Barratt Developments	70p −10p
Anvil Petroleum	53p −7p
Rockware Group	49p −5p
Hadson Pet. Intl.	40p −4p
Floyd Oil	83p −7p
Slaters Food Pds.	60p −5p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.1475 (+0.0110)
£: DM 3.7459 (+0.0233)
£: SwFr 3.1670 (+0.0070)
£: FFr 11.4620 (+0.0896)
£: Yen 294.55 (+3.10)
£ Index: 74. (unchanged)
New York:
£: $1.1475
$: DM 3.2610
$ Index: 151.3 (-0.4)
ECU 0.597223
SDR 0.848222

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 13½%
3-month interbank 13⅞-13⅝%
3-month eligible bills buying rate 13-12¾%
US:
Prime Rate 10.5%
Federal Funds 8⅞%
3-month Treasury Bills 8.52-8.48%
Long bond 95⅜-95⅝

Opec confident of price backing

By Our Energy Correspondent

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries believes that Britain's North Sea oil producers will remain committed to working with it to stabilize the world oil market in the wake of the abolition of the state oil trading operation, the British National Oil Corporation.

Dr Mana Saeed Otaiba, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates said yesterday: "I personally believe the producers whether in or outside Opec are in the same boat and have the same interests."

Professor Tam David-West, the Nigerian oil minister, who has said that his country would match any price cut by Britain, said that the matter was no longer relevant.

WALL STREET

	Mar 19	Mar 18
AMF Inc	17	16⅞
AMR	40⅛	38½
Allied Corp	38½	38½
Allied Stores	55⅞	54⅝
Allis Chalmers	7⅛	7⅛
Alcoa	34⅜	33
Amax Inc	18½	17¼
Amerada Hess	29⅛	28
Am Brands	67⅞	67⅛
Am Broadcast	107	106
Am Can	51½	50⅝
Am Cyanamid	52⅝	51⅞
Am Elec Power	20⅞	40⅛
Am Express	42⅛	20⅝
Am Home	58⅝	58⅞
Am Motors	3⅛	3⅛
Am Nat Res	64⅞	64⅝
Am Standard	31⅜	30⅝
Am Telephone	21⅞	21⅝
Armco Steel	9⅛	9⅛
Asarco	25⅞	25⅛
Ashland Oil	31⅛	31
Atlantic Richfield	48¼	48⅜
Avon Products	21⅜	21½
Bankers Tst NY	61⅜	61⅛
Bankamerica	19⅛	19⅜
Bank of Boston	43⅝	43⅝
Bank of NY	37⅞	37⅝
Beatrice Foods	28⅞	28⅝
Bethlehem Steel	16⅝	16⅛
Boeing	61¾	60⅞
Borse Cascade	38⅛	38⅛
Borden	67⅞	67⅛
Borg Warner	21⅞	21⅞
Bristol Myers	55⅝	54⅜
BP	25⅛	23⅞
Burrington Ind	26	24⅝
Burlington Nthn	52⅛	24⅜
Burroughs	57⅞	57⅞
Campbell Soup	70⅛	70
Canadian Pacific	43⅜	42½
Caterpillar	29⅜	29⅛
Celanese	91⅞	89
Central Soya	22½	22
Champion	21½	20⅝
Chase Manhat	51½	51⅛
Chem Bank NY	38½	38½
Chevron	34⅜	33⅞
Chrysler	34⅜	33⅝
Citicorp	42⅝	41½
Clark Equip	29⅝	29⅜
Coca Cola	65¼	23⅞
Colgate	24	23⅝
CBS	97½	94½
Columbia Gas	28⅜	28⅛
Combustion Eng	34⅞	34⅝
Comwlth Edison	28½	28⅛
Cons Edison	30⅝	30⅜
Cons Foods	37⅝	37⅝
Cons Power	6½	6½
Control Data	33½	32⅝
Corning Glass	37⅞	37⅝
CPC Intl	42⅝	42½
Crane	33⅝	34½
Crocker Int	25⅜	25⅜
Crown Zeller	37½	37½
Dart & Kraft	90½	89⅝
Deere	31½	31½
Delta Air	45⅝	44½
Detroit Edison	16⅜	15¼
Digital Equip	103½	101
Disney	79¼	77⅛
Dow Chemical	29⅛	28⅝
Dresser Ind	20⅝	20⅜
Duke Power	31½	31½
Du Pont	51⅞	51
Eastern Air	5⅞	5⅛
Eastman Kodak	66⅝	66½
Eaton Corp	56⅞	55⅞
Emerson Elect	72⅛	71⅝
Evans Prod	2¼	2⅜

	Mar 19	Mar 18
Exxon Corp	49⅛	48⅞
Fed Dept Stores	55⅞	55⅛
Firestone	18⅛	18⅛
Fst Chicago	22½	22⅝
Fst Intrst Bncp	45⅞	45⅞
Fst Penn Corp	7⅜	7⅛
Ford	43⅝	42⅝
GAF Corp	31⅛	30⅝
GTE Corp	43¼	42⅛
Gen Corp	40⅛	38½
Gen Dynamics	72⅝	72
Gen Electric	62⅝	60⅞
Gen Foods	61⅛	60¼
Gen Mills	57	56⅝
Gen Motors	76¾	75⅜
Gen Pub Util NY	11⅛	11⅛
Genesco	5⅝	5¼
Georgia Pacific	22½	22⅛
Gillette	58⅜	58⅝
Goodrich	29⅛	28¼
Goodyear	26⅞	26⅛
Gould Inc	23½	22⅛
Grace	47⅜	47½
Gt Attic & Pacific	16⅝	16⅛
Greyhound	27⅞	27
Grumman Corp	26⅝	25½
Gulf & West	31⅜	30½
Heinz H J	48⅝	48
Hercules	32½	31⅛
Honeywell	60⅛	59⅜
Ic Inds	32⅞	32⅛
Ingersoll	47⅜	46⅛
Inland Steel	23⅝	22⅝
IBM	130⅞	128⅝
Int Harvester	9⅞	9¼
INCO	13¼	12⅞
Int Paper	49⅛	46⅝
Int Tel Tel	31½	31
Irving Bank	33⅞	33
Jim Walter	32⅛	32
Johnson & John	40	39¼
Kaiser Alumin	13⅞	13⅜
Kerr McGee	30	30½
Kimberly Clark	48½	48⅛
K Mart	33½	32½
Kroger	40	39⅝
L.T.V. Corp	10⅛	9⅞
Litton	66½	65½
Lockheed	47⅝	47⅛
Lucky Stores	19¼	19½
Manuf Hanover	37⅜	36⅞
Manville Cp	7⅝	7⅝
Mapco	31½	30⅝
Manne Midland	32¼	32¼
Martin Marietta	49	48
McDonnell	74⅝	73⅝
Mead	35⅞	35⅝
Merck	101½	100½
Minnesota Mng	84½	81⅞
Mobil Oil	29¼	29⅛
Monsanto	42⅝	42½
Morgan J.P.	46	45⅝
Motorola	32⅞	31½
NCR Corp	28¼	28⅛
NL Industries	11⅜	11⅛
Nabsco	57⅜	56⅜
Nat Distillers	23½	23¼
Nat Med Ent	27	26⅝
Norfolk South	64¼	64
NW Bancorp	26	25¾
Occidental Pet	28¼	27⅝
Ogden	30⅞	30⅜
Olin Corp	33½	33½
Owens-Illinois	41⅛	41
Pacific Gas Elec	17	16⅞
Pan Am	4⅜	4⅛
Penney J. C.	48¼	47⅜
Pennzoil	45½	45⅜
Pepsico	50⅞	48⅝
Pfizer	41⅝	40½
Phelps Dodge	19	17⅞

	Mar 19	Mar 18
Philip Morris	92¼	91
Phillips Petrol	41½	39⅝
Polaroid	28⅝	26⅞
PPG Ind	38	37⅜
Proctor Gamble	56⅛	55⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	26½	26⅛
Raytheon	45⅞	44⅝
RCA Corp	41⅞	40⅝
Reynolds Ind	83⅜	82⅝
Reynolds Metal	37	35⅞
Rockwell Int	35½	34¼
Royal Dutch	54⅝	53⅜
Safeways	31⅞	32⅜
Schlumberger	26½	25⅞
Scott Paper	25⅝	25¼
Seagram	41⅝	40½
Sears Roebuck	34⅞	34½
Shell Oil	59½	59¼
Shell Trans	24½	23½
Signal Co	31½	31⅝
Singer	35	34⅜
Smithkline Beck	58⅝	58⅛
Sony	18⅜	18¼
Sth Cal Edison	23½	23
Sperry Corp	51⅞	50½
Std Oil Indiana	62⅞	63¼
Std Oil Ohio	46⅝	46
Sterling Drug	30¾	29
Stevens J. P.	17⅞	16⅝
Sun Comp	49¼	48⅝
Teledyne	255⅛	257
Tennaco	40	39⅝
Texaco	35⅝	34⅞
Texas East Corp	32	31⅞
Texas Inst	112½	109⅝
Texas Utilities	26⅞	26⅝
Textron	41½	40¾
TWA	34⅞	34½
Travelers Corp	41¼	41
TRW Inc	78⅝	77½
UAL Inc	44⅛	44¼
Union Carbide	37½	37⅜
Unocal	47¾	47½
Un Pacific Corp	48⅝	48¾
Unroyal	15⅛	14⅞
United Brands	13¾	13½
US Steel	27½	26⅝
Utd Technol	41	40¼
Wachovia	33	32⅝
Warner Lambert	36⅞	36
Wells Fargo	54⅞	55
Westinghse Elec	30⅝	29⅝
Weyerhauser	29	27⅞
Whirlpool	45⅝	45⅜
Woolworth	41	40½
Xerox Corp	43¾	42½
Zenith	21⅝	20½

CANADIAN PRICES

Alcan	54	52½
Alcan Alumin	37⅞	36⅝
Algoma Steel	21½	21½
Bell Telephone	39⅝	38⅞
Can Pacific	59⅛	58¾
Cominco	14⅝	14⅜
Cons Bathurst	17⅜	17¾
Gulf Oil	17½	17⅜
Hawker/Sid Can	20¼	20¼
Hudson Bay Min	7⅛	6⅞
Imasco	55⅞	55⅛
Imperial Oil	49½	48⅛
Int Pipe	35⅝	35¼
Mass.-Fergsn	3.10	3.00
Royal Trustco	19½	19⅛
Seagram	57	56
Steel Co	21⅝	21½
Thomson N 'A'	56½	56½
Walker Hiram	28¼	27⅝
WCT	15	15

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Early fall for Dow

New York (Agencies) – Shares were still narrowly mixed during early trading in Wall Street yesterday while prices slowly gave ground. The Dow Jones industrial average fell by nearly five points to 1,267.56.

Advances and declines were about even and trading was active.

Mr Joseph A. Feshbach, chief market analyst at Prudential-Bache Securities, said he was looking for a rally over the next few weeks. "The rally will centre on the big-cap stocks and carry above 1,300. It will be due to the perception that earnings will be better because of the weaker dollar," he said.

International Business Machines dropped ⅞ to 130; General Motors was unchanged at 76⅞; General Electric lost ¼ to 62⅝; Teledyne was down 3⅜ at 252½; Merck dropped ¼ tpo 101¼; Burroughs fell by ⅜ to 58¼; Captial Cities lost 3¼ to 199½; American Broadcasting was down ¾ at 106¼ while RCA was up ⅛ at 42 and CBS rose 3 to 100½.

Dennison stood at 24½, down 2. It expects a decline of 60 per cent in its first quarter operating net profit.

Digital Equipment was at 102½, down ⅝; Data General at 48⅛, down ⅞; Unocal 44¾, down ⅛; Phillips Petroleum 40, down 1⅛; Applied Data Resources 29, down 3½; Homestake 25⅜, down 1⅝; Taft Broadcasting 66½, up 2¾ and Holly Sugar 79, up 2½.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 85	88.78	88.78	88.34	88.41	1909
Sep 85	89.08	89.10	88.91	89.01	157
Dec 85	88.98	89.00	88.95	89.86	33
Mar 86				88.75	
Previous day's total open interest 5468					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 85	89.45	89.56	89.41	89.56	5863
Sep 85	88.80	88.92	88.79	88.92	404
Dec 85	88.42	88.53	88.40	88.52	140
Mar 86	88.18	88.20	88.18	88.22	50
Jun 86	87.96	87.97	87.96	87.99	50
Previous day's total open interest 14735					
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 85				69-04	
Jun 85	68-04	68-14	68-01	68-11	1942
Previous day's total open interest 2575					
Long Gilt					
Mar 85	105-03	105-03	104-28	104-28	91
Jun 85	105-00	105-20	105-03	105-07	4676
Sep 85	109-14	109-14	109-05	109-05	40
Dec 85				109-08	
Mar 86				108-29	
Previous day's total open interest 4097					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 85	130.10	130.20	129.40	130.20	182
Jun 85	130.25	130.50	129.20	130.60	92
Sep 85				131.10	
Previous day's total open interest 1543					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR

Mar	114.4–14.0
Aug	119.2–19.0
Oct	124.4–24.2
Dec	131.3–30.4
Mar	144.6–44.6
May	150.0–49.6
Aug	156.0–54.8
	Vol: 1443

COCOA

Mar	2113–11
May	2128–27
July	2083–82
Sep	2054–52
Dec	1955–54
Mar	1948–44
May	1946–44
	Vol: 318–4733

COFFEE

Mar	2275–72
May	2312–07
July	2357–56
Sep	2396–96
Nov	2409–06
Jan	2373–70
Mar	2350–40
	Vol: 452–4082

GAS OIL

Mar	237.00–36.50
Apr	228.25–28.00
May	227.25–27.00
June	224.25–24.00
July	224.50–24.25
Aug	229.00–24.25
Sep	232.00–24.00
Oct	236.00–25.00
Nov	242.00–25.00
	Vol: nil/2067

RUBBER

Apr	740–705
May	750–715
Jun	760–725
Jul	770–735
Aug	780–45
Sep	785–755
Oct	795–755
Nov	805–775
Dec	815–785
Apr/Jun	755–725
Jul/Sep	785–745
Oct/Dec	815–775
	Vol: nil

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices; Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1218–1219
Three months	1236.50–1236.00
T/O	26,600
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1223–1223
Three months	1240–1243
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

TIN STANDARD

Cash	9890–9900
Three months	9910–9915
T/O	475
Tone	Steadier

TIN HIGH–GRADE

Cash	9890–9900
Three months	9925–9930
T/O	744
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	304–305
Three months	313.50–314.00
T/O	4,200
Tone	Steadier

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	782–785
Three months	782–785
T/O	1,000
Tone	Quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	775–777
Three months	752.50–753.00
T/O	7,000
Tone	Easier

SILVER LARGE

Cash	550.0–552.0
Three months	570.0–572.0
T/O	30
Tone	Easier

SILVER SMALL

Cash	550.0–552.0
Three months	570.0–572.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	944.0.00–947.00
Three months	978.00–979.00
T/O	9,300
Tone	Easier

NICKEL

Cash	4535–4545
Three months	4565–4570
T/O	744
Tone	Barely steady

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
There were no dealings in the London Gold Futures Market yesterday.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 20:
GB: Cattle, 93.44p per kg lw (–0.31).
GB: Sheep, 212.14p per kg est'd c w (+15.90).
GB: Pigs, 78.96p per kg lw (+0.63).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 1.8 per cent, ave. price, 94.02p (–0.13).
Sheep nos. down 12.9 per cent, ave. price, 214.11p (+16.13).
Pig nos. down 19.1 per cent, ave. price, 78.96p (+0.63).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 6.0 per cent, ave. price, 90.37p (–1.33).
Sheep nos. up 18.0 per cent, ave. price, 202.87p (+17.83).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	£117.50	£114.75
May	£120.00	£117.05
Jul	£123.55	
Sep	£98.50	£98.75
Nov	£101.85	£102.25
Jan	£105.35	£105.65

Total lots traded: Wheat: 275 Barley: 73

APPOINTMENTS

Davy Corporation: Mr R. Exley has been appointed to the board from April 1. He also joins the board of Davy McKee International with Dr K. H. Hoyle, Mr R. T. Kingdon and Mr R. L. Perry on the same date.

J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co: Mr Keith Bamber becomes a director with responsibility for developing information technology systems.

Midland Bank International: Lord Selsdon has been made group adviser of public finance.

Banco Hispano Americano: Mr Michael Carey and Mr Julian B. Paul are now deputy managing directors and Mr Bernard J. Chapman is made an executive director.

J. Bibby & Sons: Mr Alan Gresty has been appointed to the main board as corporate finance director. He succeeds Mr Ken Allan who has retired.

Glasurit Beck: Mr John Johnson becomes financial director.

Iberia Air Lines: Señor Narciso Andreu Muste is the new president.

Tate & Lyle: Professor Manuel Jacinto Nunes is the new chairman of Alcantara Sociedade de Empreendimentos Acucareiros, S.A.R.L.

Horne Brothers: Mr Philip R. Cox has been made group finance director.

Regional Newspaper Advertising Bureau: Sir Nicholas Hewitt, is made chairman in succession to Mr G. Roy Pritchard.

Amax Europe: Mr H. B. Conolly has become senior vice-president finance and administration.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
180	119	Aberdeen	178		7.5	4.3	..
191	55	Alba	88	–1	2.0a	2.1	..
228	408	Alliance	228	● –15	24.0	2.5	..
155	89½	Amer Trust	145		3.6	2.5	..
302	216	Ang Amer Sec	292	● –4	8.5	2.9	..
439	310	Ashdown	439	●	11.7	2.7	..
133	78	Atlantic Assets	112	–2	0.7	0.6	..
102	67	Bankers	102		3.5	3.4	..
194	139	Berry	188		1.4	0.8	..
178	117	Border & Sthrn	171		4.2	2.5	..
107	79	Br Assets Gen	103	● –1	3.7	3.5	..
215	149½	Br Assets	203	● –2	9.7b	4.8	..
30½	20½	Br Empire Sec	28	–½	1.2	4.3	..
373	261	British Inv	368	–1	10.3b	2.8	..
78	55	Brunner	73	–2	2.9	3.9	..
89	69	Charter Agency	87	–1	3.7b	3.5	..
595	416	Continental	575	–1	23.7b	3.8	..
178	135	Crescent Japan	171	–1	1.1	0.7	..
275	205	Delta	260	–2			..
103	80	Derby Inc	102	–½	10.2	10.0	..
104	80	Do Cap	100				..
255	241	Drayton Cons	250		12.7	4.1	..
148	98	Drayton Far East	141	● –1	1.6	1.1	..
430	282	Drayton Japan	412	● –1	3.6	0.9	..
412	286	Drayton Premier	404	● –1	18.2	4.5	..
178	140	Dunedin Exp	178	● –1	4.7	2.7	..
188	148	Edin Amer Assets	212	● –1	1.5	0.8	..
117	87	Edinburgh	113		3.7	3.3	..
292	210	Electric Gen	288	–3	4.9b	1.7	..
251	192	English Int	250		9.8b	3.9	..
78	52	English Scot	78	● –2	1.8	2.4	..
106½	69	English NY	106	● –1	3.6	3.8	..
97	69	F&C Alliance	96	● –1	2.4	2.5	..
167	117	F&C Pacific	166	–1	5.0b	3.1	..
210	162	Family	210	–2	9.9	4.7	..
278	194	First Scot Amer	268	● –1	12.9b	4.8	..
245	169	First Un Gen	186	● –1	8.7	4.6	..
190	145	Fleming American	190	● –15	7.5	3.9	..
200	185	Fleming Clever	200		12.4	4.9	..
206	186	Fleming Enterprise	206		11.1	4.4	..
338	286	Fleming Far East	315		2.5	0.8	..
187	137	Fleming Fledgling	187		3.6	3.3	..
590	390	Fleming Japan	585	● –5	4.5	0.8	..
116	90	Fleming Mercantile	116		4.3	3.7	..
134	92	Fleming Overseas	134		3.3b	2.5	..
153	119½	Fleming Spec	136		3.1	2.3	..
334	215	Fleming Universal	334		9.8	3.0	..
148	99	For Col	140	● –1	3.6	2.6	..
121	108	G&C Capital	118				..
180	130	GT Global	179	–1		2.0b	1.1
618	425	General Funds	618	● +5	13.6	2.2	..
201	164	General Cons	201	●	13.1	6.5	..
125	77	Glasgow Stock	124	● –1	2.9	2.4	..
228	176	Globe	228	●	12.9	4.6	..
178	167½	Greenfriar	178		4.3	2.5	..
268	167½	Greshams House	268		8.7	2.3	..
174	114	Hambros	144		4.2	2.9	..
144	110	Hill (P)	144		13.2	9.4	..
540	380	Invest-in Success	540	●	7.8	1.4	..
235	162	Ivy Cap	235	● –5	5.2	2.3	..
84½	48	Japan Assets	80½	–½	0.1	0.1	..
238	215	Lake View	314	● +2	6.4	2.0	..
191	130	Lon Atlantic	191		7.9	4.3	..
83	64	Lon Merchant Sec	71		2.6	3.6	..
167	71	Lon Trust	104		2.5	2.4	..
98	70	Merchants	98		3.4b	3.5	..
174	121	Monks	170		3.4b	2.0	..
115	85	Murray Income	115		5.4b	5.6	..
98	67	Murray Growth	95½		2.0	2.1	..
134	86	Murray Int	133	●	4.4	3.1	..
117	87	Murray Small	117		3.3	3.6	..
282	205	Murray Venture	280		6.5	2.2	..
283	203	New Court	278		20.4	6.4	..
82	58	New Darien Ord	74		1.9	2.4	..
178	139	Nordic	177		7.9	4.4	..
43	34	Nthrng Inc 83	38		3.2b	8.4	..
243	169	Now Tokyo	215		2.1	1.0	..
224	222	Nth Atlantic Sec	224		6.7	3.7	..
128	98	Nth Sea Assets	108		6.7	6.7	..
283	203	Nthn Amer	277		7.7	2.8	..
139	97	Ounvich	138		4.1	2.9	..
48	24	Personal Assets	38	–1	0.6	1.5	..
340	243	Raeburn	340		13.6	4.0	..
197	138	River & Merc	197	● –1	7.1	3.6	..
226	158	River Plate	223	● –1	10.3	4.6	..
184	138	Robeco	184		..	..	..
182	127	Rolinco	182	●	..	..	..
297	195	Romney	297	●	6.6	2.5	..
210½	5½	Rowans	210½		..	..	..
338	237	St Andrews	338	●	11.0	3.4	..
273	191	Scottish	273		7.4	2.7	..
274	214	Scot American	228	● –1	7.4	3.2	..
156	114	Scot Eastern	156		5.4	3.5	..
270	208	Scot Mtge	270		9.7b	3.6	..
243	166	Scot Nat	243		8.1	3.3	..
192	135	Scot Northern	192		4.7	2.4	..
151	101	Scot Northern 'A'	151		13.1	8.5	..
382	284	Second Alliance	382	●	29.4b	7.7	..
191	141	Sec Of Scotland	191		5.5b	2.9	..
77	61	Seven Oils	77		2.9	3.8	..
88	64	Stewart Enterp	88		0.6	1.5	..
131	93	Stockholders	131		3.4	2.6	..
89	75	Tr Australia	89	● +1	2.9	3.2	..
124	77	Tr City Of Lon Did	84		4.4b	5.3	..
158	121	Tr Ind & Gen	153	–1	4.8b	3.2	..
280	201	Tr Natural Res	262		10.7	4.0	..
283	136	Tr North America	283	–5	4.8b	2.4	..
144	107	Tr Pacific Basin	144		2.9	2.0	..
146	107	Tr Property	144		4.7	3.3	..
101	68	Tr Trust	94	–1	2.4	2.5	..
137	98	Tr Trustees	132		3.4	2.6	..
182	117	Throgmorton	117	●	6.8	5.7	..
233	180	Throgpenince	233	● +1	10.7	4.6	..
288	211	Throg Second Cap	288	+2	..	..	..
189	133	Trans Oceanic	184	–1	4.5	2.5	..
129	89	Tribune	118	–1	3.2	2.8	..
91	67½	Tridevest Inc	77½		12.4	16.1	..
216	153	US Dollar	208	–2	9.3	4.5	..
25	19	Wang Resource	23	–1	1.5	2.1	..
156	109	Wemyss	156	●	6.4b	4.1	..
110	80	Wimbledon Engy	109	–1	1.0	0.9	..
158	108½	Witan	155	–2	3.8	2.4	..
284	207	Yeoman	280	● –1	12.3	4.3	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

500	340	Abroyd & Sothern	340		23.6	6.9	13.2
97½	19½	American Express	52½	..	..	..	..
29	15	Argyle	24	..	..	..	12.2
105	83	Bowstead	78	..	..	..	..
115	83	Britannia Arrow	109	–1	3.3	3.3	20.6
113	77	CIR Pacific	108	..	..	..	..
44	23	Do Warrants	38	..	..	..	..
13½	6¾	Daily Mail	21½	+½	55.0	4.6	15.0
13½	6¾	Do 'A'	21½	+½	55.0	4.6	15.0
152	88	Electra	152	..	5.1	4.1	23.1
148	98	Exco Assoc	98	● +2	4.8b	4.4	12.0
743	363	Exco	713	+5	11.8	1.7	27.0
55	53	Exploration	55	..	4.5	8.2	13.8
12½	9	First Charlotte	12½	..	0.1	0.8	..
770	570	Freeport	750	..	12.9	1.7	19.2
108	58	Frost (J) & (D)	72	..	4.0	5.6	10.7
123	78	Goode (D & M)	118	● +2	3.2	1.7	18.8
705	354	Henderson Admin	705	..	15.7	2.2	14.8
5¾	2¾	M & G	5¾	+¼	17.9	3.5	18.8
446	215	Mamm (RP)	436	..	17.9	4.1	18.6
457	347	Mercantile House	434	+20	17.5	3.6	15.6
415	285	Mills & Allen	395	..	20.0	5.1	12.2
123	70	Smith Brothers	95	..	7.9	8.3	4.1

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Rates moved down sharply in early trading yesterday when base rate cuts of a full point were expected, then turned up smartly to close higher on balance after the banks had reduced only from 14 to 13½ per cent.

Since all the signs were that the next cut may be weeks rather than days away, the market had moved up to levels appropriate to the new base rates. The key three-month interbank term deposit, for instance, dipped to 13⅛–13 per cent at the outset, then turned up to close at 13⅛–⅜ per cent.

Other rates were mostly ⅛ to ¼ firmer on balance. Day-to-day funding remained very expensive.

Interbank money held at 15 per cent and above throughout, and went soaring as high as 50 per cent near the finish.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 13½
Finance House 12½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High 14½ Low 13½
Week fixed: 14-13⅜

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	13⅛	2 months	12½
3 months	13	3 months	12¼

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	13⅝–13½	2 months	13½–12⅝
3 months	13–12⅝	6 months	12–11⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	14	2 months	13¾
3 months	13½	6 months	12½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 15⅝–15 close 40

1 week	15–14⅝	6 months	12¹¹⁄₁₆–12⅝
1 month

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Gold regains some of its glister as dollar makes investors nervous

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Gold is lighting up stock market imaginations again after two years in the doldrums.

Yesterday the bullion price traded in the $320 to $340 an ounce range, well up from the lowly $283 price being paid at the end of last month, and market men were wondering if the bear trend in the metal had finally been broken.

The FT Gold Mines Index is also reviving, and returned to 627 in dollar terms, having hit a low of 479 on February 26. Share prices yesterday rose alongside the bullion move, though towards the end of the day prices were below their best.

Mr Julian Baring, analyst at the stockbrker James Capel, said: "Everyone must be shocked by the sudden turnaround in the gold price. But whether or not we are in a new bull market for the metal is still uncertain".

He suggests a return to recent low prices is unlikely, and admits he and his colleagues are watching the situation carefully.

Mr Richard Lake, the chartist at Raphael, Zorn, another City broking house, is also sitting on the fence. He has been taken aback by the sudden resurgence of interest in gold, but he is not confident the price has completely broken out of the low chart ground.

Other market men are less cautious, and the glint of gold's 1980 record price is back in their eyes. In January 1980 bullion was selling at $850 an ounce, and buyers seemed gripped with gold fever.

For mining shares the peak was reached in February 1983, when the index touched 1150 on the dollar measurement used by James Capel. Bullion at the time had fallen back to just over $500 an ounce.

The cause of the recent hubbub, however, has nothing to do with any sudden revaluation of the metal's worth or of that of the mining industry. As always with gold, investors have turned to the yellow stuff because the green stuff looks sickly.

Bad news from Ohio, where the Savings and Loan institutions – the equivalent of our building societies – have experienced a run on deposits and had to be rescued, plus some uncertainty about control of money supply and inflation in the US, has hit the American currency.

And, though many investors appear to have rushed into European money, the traditional home for cash when the dollar looks under threat is gold.

Indeed, if, as many analysts have feared for some time, the US economy does crack under the enormous strain of the budget deficit, there will be little alternative to buying bullion. A big recession in America will leave other world economies similarly depressed and investors will need that old "store of value" amid deflation.

In the meantime, market speculators are preparing for a return to high prices for bullion. The I G Index company, which offers the ability to bet on the price of gold, reports a dramatic increase in business in the past two days.

A fund investing in Scandinavian stocks is to be launched by Laurence, Prust and Co, the stockbroker. Besides concentrating equities in the four Scandinavian countries, the Hellerup Scandinavian Fund will invest in Danish and Finnish bonds.

The Budget failed to have any dramatic impact on equities although the FT 30 share index climbed once again above the 1,000 points mark, touching 1,001.9 points, a 4.4 points gain. At first the index had been off 2.8 points, but buyers gradually got the upper hand as the day progressed.

The FT SE share index followed a similar path, closing 2.7 points higher at 1,307.2 points.

The main benificiary from the Budget was the gilts market. Trading was often quite lively with the base rate cuts an added spur. At one time gains by conventional gilts stretched to £¾, allowing the Government Broker to sell stock from the two new taplets he announced on Monday.

He sold some of the Exchequer 11 per cent, 1991 at £96 and some of the 9¾ per cent convertible 2001 at £93¼. But inflation stocks had a poor time, suffering falls of up to £2 after the anti-inflation Budget tone.

Many leading equities, which have drawn strength form sterling's weakness in past months, were unsettled by the dollar's downturn.

Among blue chips **British Petroleum** gained 17p to 583p.

Shares of Scott's Restaurants, controlled by the Kerman family, rose 20p to a 475p peak yesterday. The market in the stock is exceedingly thin. The company, which runs Scott's and Drones in London's West End and has pub interests, should have scored from the tourist influx and would make an attractive morsel for a group seeking a toehold in the London leisure industry.

Vickers had an active session. At one time the shares were down 11p to 254p; they then rallied to 270p before settling at 268p.

Behind the excitement were rumours that the company had sold its Millbank headquarters in London for a figure approaching £50 million.

But although a sale is near, talks with a prospective buyer went on yesterday, the market could be disappointed at the eventual realization figure which could be a little below £20 million.

Distillers lost most of Tuesday's rise, slipping 4p to 301p, as Mr Peter Large at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, described the Budget reaction as "unwarranted."

The 10p-a-bottle duty increase was below the running inflation rate and prompted Tuesday's advance. But Mr Large said: "The UK market is not important for DCL profitability and in any event DCL continues to lose market share to the other British Scotch brands".

He maintained that the DCL's British prospects have not been improved "to any significant degree". The group faces problems in its more important American market, including the possibility of higher trans-atlantic taxes. Sterling's recent revival against the dollar is another development which will not help DCL's US profits.

Insurance brokers lost a large slice of the ground they gained in recent weeks, despite a better-than-expected set of 1984 results from **Willis Faber**. Though Willis saw its shares price rise 20p to 705p, the rest of the sector had between 2p and 8p trimmed from prices for the second day in a row.

The weakening dollar is the source of worry. Just as companies were beginning to see an upturn in insurance business in America, the value of those potential increased dollar earinings has been cut.

Share prices of the leading clearing banks improved, partly in reaction to the lack of bad news in the Budget and partly to the news yesterday of base rates of 13.5 per cent, down from 14 per cent.

Imperial Group came back into favour with a 4p gain to 193p. Relief that the Budget tobacco increase was 6p for a packet of 20 cigarettes was one factor behind the gain. But there were also suggestions that Imps could at last be near to resolving its Howard Johnson problem with a sale of the troublesome American catering and hotel group to its management.

But some of the more lofty estimates of the Imps inflow from such a deal have now been scaled down.

British Telecom, head of today's third quarter figures, shaded ½p to 134p.

Lex Service Group rose 8pto 212p after the sale of Chanslor and Lyon, its Californian car parts business. The sale has realized about £27.5 million.

Delta shares dipped 2p to 135p yesterday as market men heard talk of a rights issue to accompany the results next week. Delta has a gearing ratio of 50 per cent, but has seen its share price revive from around 50p 18 months ago. That makes the timing of any cash call look good, say City men. But Mr Geoffrey Wilson, chairman at Delta, will not comment on the suggestions so close to next week's trading announcement.

Traded option highlights

Business in traded options was boosted yesterday by the expiry of March contracts in a clutch of companies – Bass, BTR, GKN, Hanson Trust, Jaguar, Tesco and De Beers. Total volume reached 10,193 and for once British Telecom did not dominate the scene.

Jaguar provided the biggest number of contracts traded, at 1,736, while the gilt option continued to impress as 778 contracts changed hands. BT managed only 367 options traded as the market waited for today's profits news.

Main price changes were seen in Jaguar options; the March call series sporting losses of 31p, and June contracts down by as much as 32p. BTR options also saw markdowns through the lists, with March, June and September calls losing from 15p to 23p. British Petroleum April calls gained up to 18p, while July and October options also showed rises of 17p and 18p. ConsGold April 460 calls rose by 12p.

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Vote of confidence in BICC recovery

For a company which produced at the bottom end of market expectations BICC's share price performed remarkably well yesterday. Pretax profits rose from £82 million to £90 million and the shares added 14p to close at 245p.

The reaction was clearly not based on the figures. If anything, the new regime under Sir William Barlow seems inclined to give less rather than more by way of financial information. Instead, there is now a distinct belief that the new management can produce the recovery which has been talked about for such a long time at the cables and electronics group.

There has been a series of short sharp cost-cutting measures designed to reduce the unwieldy overhead base. How successful these have been will not be known until 1986 but the company seemed very cagey about assessing the total cost of rationalization incurred during the year.

Below the line there was an extraordinary cost of £12 million but it is the above the line costs, totalling at least £3 million, which are perhaps more appropriate. There is a suspicion that BICC has been over prudent in its rationalization provisions this year in order to clear the way ahead.

However, this approach is more a reflection of the renewed confidence within the company about its prospects rather than an attempt to massage the figures.

One of the keys to the company's progress will be the level of success it has in improving the profitability at home. BICC has substantial tax losses in Britain but desperately needs some taxable profits against which they can offset.

The measures already taken will of course help but the company needs to demonstrate that genuine growth can be achieved rather than overdue cost cutting.

For the time being, the market sentiment is backing BICC to succeed in achieving this goal. There has been nothing tangible to support this, apart from the new management team's enthusiasm and confidence.

With profits of £110 million in line for 1985, this should be enough to push the shares ahead, although the increase should be steady rather than dramatic.

Willis Faber

The difficult conditions in world insurance markets last year do not seem to have held back Willis Faber, the insurance broker, whose end of year figures have surged above the best market expectations. Pretax profits jumped 23 per cent from £38.3 million in 1983 to £47 million.

The stock market's reaction at first seemed contrary. Willis Faber's share price dropped 10p to 675p immediately after the results were announced.

It is hard to find much fault with any of the company's performance. The 22 per cent increase in expenses to £78.5 million would look ominous were it not for the healthy underlying rise in premium income. This went up 21 per cent from £93.6 million to £113.6 million. Within this figure, brokerage and fee income jumped 25 per cent to £85.3 million. Overall the group's revenue rose 12 per cent in the first half of last year and about twice that amount in the second half.

The results were affected by a £5.5 million contribution from exchange rate gains which might have been more but for the company's policy of hedging its dollar exposure.

However, most areas of the company's business look strong and its optimism about increases in insurance premium rates and commissions makes it likely that next year will be still better.

S. R. Gent

S. R. Gent, leading suppliers to Marks and Spencer, slid another 4p yesterday to 136p, and added to what looks like one of the worst share price relatives in the market. In the last month, quarter and year, the sares have underperformed by 8, 12 and 44 per cent respectively.

Even the group's profits warning at the annual meeting in November failed to halt the slide. In late November, the shares were trading at about the 160p mark.

There seems to be a fairly substantial disenchantment on the part of investors with segments of the quoted periphery of the Marks empire. Broadly, Marks has been badly hit by the competition from concept retailers, and has been badly hit by the competition from concept retailers, and has been making itself more competitive.

Gent's figures amplify the ppsition. The winter merchandise failed to move, leading to write downs. The Marks "Value for money" campaign cut group margins.

Hence turnover rose by just under 9 per cent, while volumes went ahead by 12 per cent, pointing to heavy pricing pressures. Costs, however, rose by more than 12 per cent, and the subsequent attrition on margins sounds unlikely to end before some time next year. The interim dividend is held at 1p.

Yet should the Gent board sit idly by, and wait for its main customer – 90 per cent of sales – to revert to a more benign attitude over prices? Such a complacent approach seems bound to generate an even sharper underperformance than the group has producded recemly.

Alternatively, Gent should think hard about capitalizing its assets. Ultimately the trading relationship with Marks is money in the bank, but the group should aim to broaden its sales base rapidly, either by merger or by a reverse.

Ambitious mail order groups or overseas manufacturers could hardly ignore the attraction of an indirect tie-up with Britain's most prestigious retailer.

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Year Ended 30th September 1984	1984 £000	1983 £000
Turnover	372,228	326,381
Profit before Taxation	7,536	11,747
Dividends Distributed	2,796	2,533

Shareholders Funds £73.9m (Issued Capital and Reserves) — Capital Employed £92.4m
Fixed Assets £69.2m — Net Current Assets £19.5m
Number of Shareholders 3,924 — Number of Employees 5,989
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Britoil in £64m US expansion

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Britoil has paid $73.5 million (£64 million) for proven gas and oil reserves in Montana, Colorado and Texas. This brings its spending on US acquisitions to $160 million and makes it the world's largest pure exploration and production oil company.

The acquisition represents 25 per cent of the assets of Freeport-McMoRan New Orleans bases.

The acquisition covers gas reserves of 52.6 billion cubic feet, which is expected to produce at the rate of nine million cubic feet a day.

Mr Ian Clark, joint managing director of Britoil and chairman of its US subsidiary, said: "We are delighted that our search for a second acquisition in the US has brought us long-life production as well as association with a company of the stature fo Freeport-McMoRan."

Britoil is now producing 167,000 barrels of oil and 400 million cubic feet a day of gas from its acreages in the North Sea, the Middle and Far East and in 13 states of the US.



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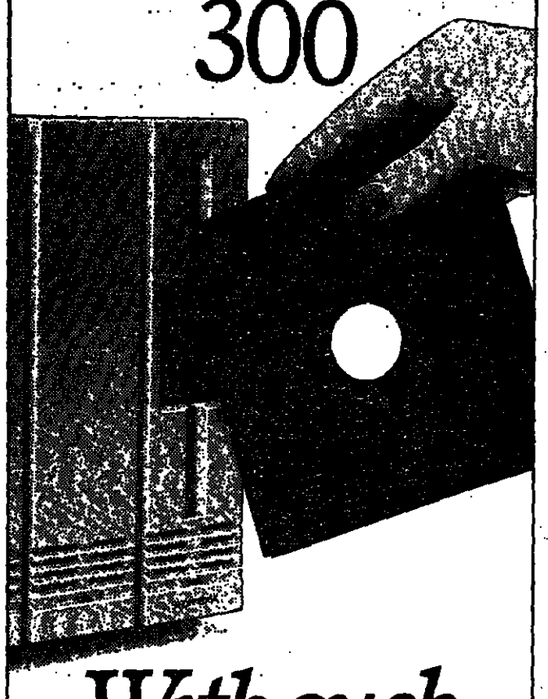
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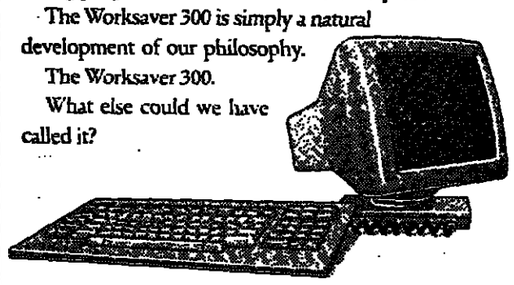
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The Stock Exchange Council white paper

City leaders name the price to be paid for membership

The Stock Exchange Council proposes to sweep away the rules that limit ownership of member firms by a single outside body to 29.9 per cent. The reforms which flow from that will change the structure and character of market for ever. Here, Philip Robinson sets out a summary of the proposals which 75 per cent of Exchange members need to approve at a special meeting on June 4.

Fundamental reforms detailing who will be allowed to buy and sell shares as members of the Stock Exchange were unveiled yesterday by its chairman, Sir Nicholas Goodison.

Saying it was impossible to exaggerate their importance, he warned the exchange's 4,800 members in a letter that if they were not adopted it would mean a very serious loss of business within the Stock Exchange and a fragmentation of the structure.

The exchange has controlled its membership for more than 200 years, but it has now promised the Government that it will allow in outsiders. The Stock Exchange has welcomed this, and the big question is the terms on which bankers and brokers from Europe, America and Japan will be admitted.

Japan has been warned that it may not be allowed in if it does not open its own markets in a similiar way to the British. These reciprocity clauses could also apply to France.

In cash terms, outsiders may gain entry for up to £700,000, two-thirds of which will be spread over five years. The price includes owning a minimum of 100 shares in the Stock Exchange and paying a maximum £500,000 above the general levy paid by all firms.

Outsiders who were quick to snap up share stakes in firms at an early stage for what have been described as "fancy prices" to gain expertise and an entry ticket will pay again.

Most Stock Exchange members own one share. The Stock Exchange proposes to split this into five, and allow these to be freely traded and find their own price up to a maximum of £2,000. At that price each member will have a Stock Exchange stake valued at £10,000, a much lower price than many had expected.

These are the council proposals

"Existing 5p shares in the Stock Exchange will be subdivided into 1p units and, on the assumption that fixed commissions are abolished in October 1986, made transferable from January 2, 1986.

Present members will then be able to sell some or all of their shares; if they choose to remain shareholders; they may buy more, up to a maximum of 50 shares. If they sell all their shares they may not purchase shares subsequently.

Those who choose to sell all their shares and give up proprietorial and voting rights will not forgo the standing of membership and will keep the right to vote in council elections. Incoming individual members will not in future be issued with, or be permitted to buy shares in the Stock Exchange, but will have the right to vote in council elections. Once the Nomination Redemption Fund is fully funded, there will be an individual entrance fee of £1,000 for individual members. Individual annual subscriptions will continue to be charged, but at a reduced level. Entrance fees and subscriptions will be reviewed from time to time by the council.

The rules will be amended to enable 100 per cent of a member firm to be owned by a single non-member interest. On the assumption that fixed commissions are abolished in October 1986, in order to allow firms sufficient time to organize themselves for the new market. Such firms will be required to provide undertakings to observe single capacity until the new market begins. The moratorium on the creation of new firms which was introduced in July 1984 will be lifted from March 1986 for firms operating in single capacity and at the opening of the new market for firms wishing to trade in dual capacity.

The council will admit new firms to trade as gilt-edged market makers; money brokers or inter-dealer brokers; subject to the prior approval of the Bank of England. Each existing member firm will be required to hold 50 shares in the Stock Exchange. Shares owned by the firm's principals will be able to be counted towards this requirement provided votes are committed to the firm. Dispensations to hold fewer shares will be granted to smaller firms.

From a date to be decided in 1986, there will be two rates of general service charge payable to the Stock Exchange, the higher to be paid only by firms which are owned 50 per cent or more by non-member interests, the lower by other firms.

The council does not expect higher rate charges levied upon any incoming new firm to amount to more than £500,000 over the lower rate during the five years. An existing firm liable to pay the higher rate will not incur a charge unless its revenue increases

All non-member employees who give advice to the public on behalf of their firm or commit the firm in its dealing will have to become registered representatives. A ratio of at least one member to five registered representatives will apply in all firms.

The examiniation requirements will be changed to reflect the change in the structure of membership. A new registered representative examination will be introduced.

The compensation fund will be maintained and will in general cover both agency and principals' contracts. A limit of £250,000 per claim will be introduced with certain exceptions, where higher limits will apply.

New capital and liquidity margin requirements will be introduced for firms trading as principals or market makers, and existing arrangements for all firms will be reviewed and extended.

Arrangements will be proposed for the development of the commission sharing registers, for a new category of clearing firm, and for the regulation of substantial investors in members firms. The council has already promulgated its future policy on the management and control of conflicts of interest within firms. New regulations will be issued for confirmation in due course."

National Westminster Bank PLC

NatWest announces that with effect from Thursday, 21st March, 1985, its Base Rate is decreased from 14.00% to 13.50% per annum.

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INTERIM REPORT

Unaudited results for the half year to 31st December, 1984

	1984 £'000	1983 £'000
Turnover	12,109	11,152
Trading profit	1,865	1,583
Income from shares in related companies	124	91
Other interest receivable and similar income	228	162
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2,217	1,836
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	953	824
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	1,264	1,012
Extraordinary items after taxation	-	118
Profit after taxation for the period	1,264	1,130
Proposed interim dividend:		
Rate per share	6p	5p
Amount	386	321
Retained profit for the period	878	809
Earnings per share based on profit on ordinary activities after taxation	19.7p	15.7p

The unaudited results for the half year to 31st December 1984 are shown above.

The above figures indicate a satisfactory first half trading and we would expect a continuation of the present level of activity and performance. The directors have today declared an interim dividend of 6p per share payable on the 15th May 1985 to shareholders on the register at 4th April 1985.

G. R. C. McDowell, Chairman
20th March 1985

BICC 1984 profits up 10% to £90 million

Sir William Barlow, the Chairman, says:

"The increase in profits came from improvements in our UK, US and Australian operations but these were offset by a loss in Canada and lower profits from South Africa.

A final dividend of 7.04p per share is being recommended leaving the total dividend for the year unchanged.

	1984 £m	1983 £m
Turnover	2089	1902
Profit before interest	106	95
Net interest payable	16	13
Profit before taxation	90	82
Taxation	40	36
Profit after taxation	50	46
Minority interests	13	12
Attributable profit	37	34
	p	p
Earnings per share	19.2	17.8
Dividends per share	10.54	10.54

The above results exclude extraordinary charges of £12m (1983: £10m).

The downward profit trend of the last two years has been arrested. The first steps have been taken towards establishing a more satisfactory level of earnings and several loss-making activities have been eliminated. Nevertheless, we recognise that the results achieved are still below what is needed.

We plan to become a more decentralised Group responding keenly to the markets in which we operate. Modern products and project management skills will be sold on a consistently profitable basis.

We are pursuing a vigorous action programme to deal with units which have been losing money or making inadequate profits. Central overhead costs are being cut as part of this policy of decentralisation.

The importance of design in developing new products and improving established products is receiving high level attention. We continue our commitment to longer term research on new materials, processes and technology.

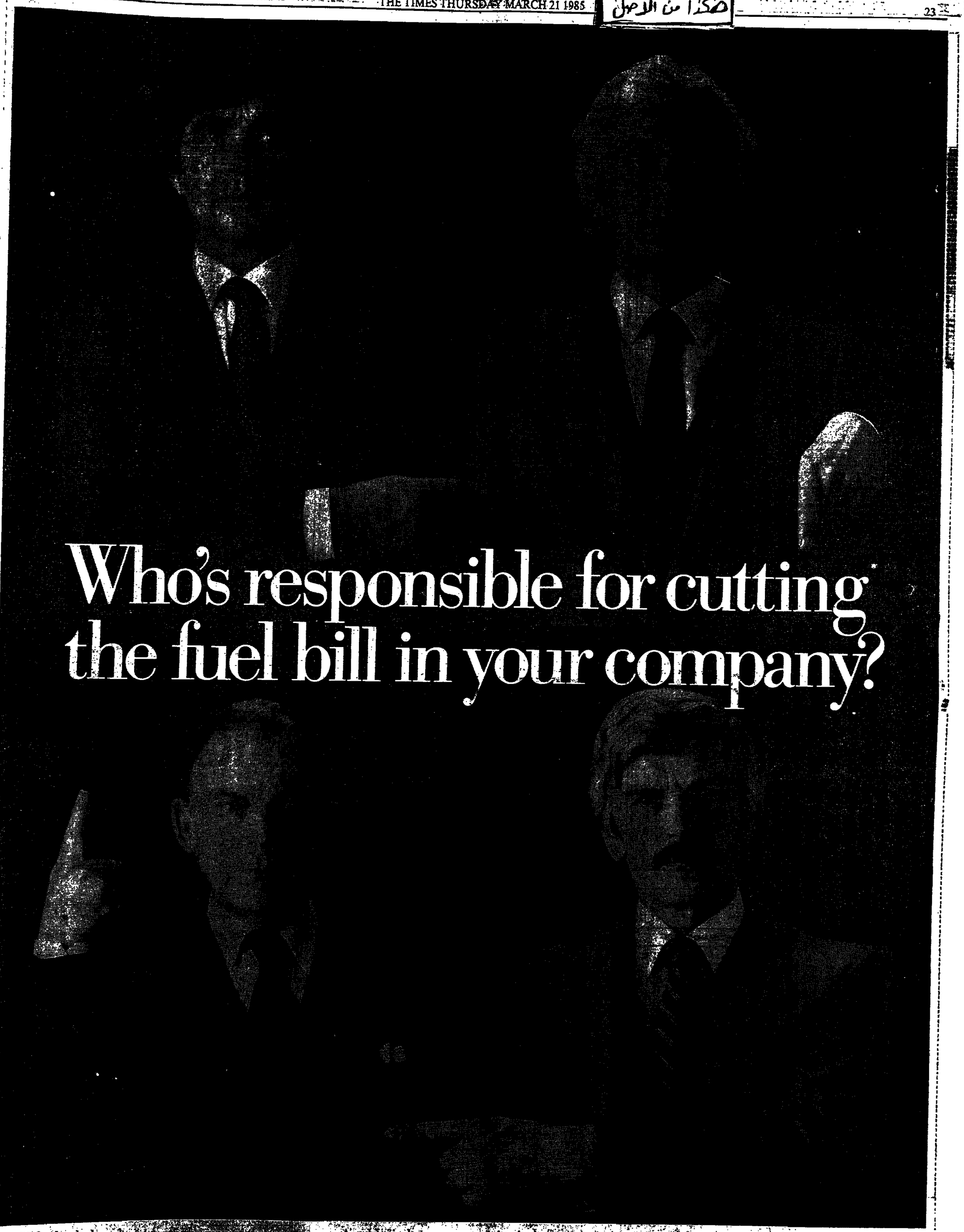
There is a determination to make BICC perform better and our people are working hard to produce results to bring greater benefit to shareholders, customers and employees alike."

Copies of the preliminary profits statement are available from the Secretary, BICC plc, 21 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3QN.

The results are based on the full accounts of BICC Group for 1984 on which the auditors gave an unqualified report. These accounts have not yet been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

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11	Fitch Lovell	
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16	Morrison (W)	
17	Unigate	
18	AB Food	
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	BUILDING AND ROADS	
21	Burnett & Hallam	
22	IDC	
23	Wiggins	
24	BPB Industries	
25	Bryant	
26	French Kier	
27	Mercer Int	
28	Countryside	
29	Amec	
30	Blue Circle	
	CHEMICALS, PLASTICS	
31	Hickson	
32	Coalite	
33	Laporte	
34	Croda	
35	Halstead (James)	
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1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
		BUILDING AND ROADS					
106	82	Aberdeen Constr	102		6.4	6.2	9.2
111	80	Amec	102		6.4	6.2	9.2
188	121	Ancillite	188		6.4	3.4	13.5
45	27	Attwoods	39		2.5	6.4	11.5
194	134	BPB Industries	194		11.7	6.0	20.7
313	238	Beggeridge Brick	313		20.0	6.4	8.5
184	124	Barratt Dev	184		11.8	6.4	8.5
555	388	Bellway (Ben) Constr	555		37.0	6.7	10.5
82	58	Beazelwood	82		4.0	4.9	11.9
74	48	Bellway	74		4.4	5.9	10.6
568	388	Bemford Concrete	568		36.4	10.8	5.8
277	193	Best Bros	277		18.4	6.6	8.6
134	93	Blockleys	134		8.6	6.4	8.5
277	193	Blue Circle	277		18.4	6.6	8.6
135	93	Bredero&Cloud Hill	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Brickhouse Dudley	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Br Dredging	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Brown&Jackson	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
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135	93	Carr (J) Doncaster	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Carter-Roadstone	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Condor Int	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Costain	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
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135	93	Crouch (Derek)	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Crouch Group	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
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135	93	Feb	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
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135	93	Gibbons	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Glasson (MJ)	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	HAT	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Halled Bay	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Hamden-Stuart	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
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135	93	Higgs & Hill	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Hollis	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Hornock Johnson	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Jarvis (J) & Sons	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Laing (J)	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Do 'A'	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Lawrence (Walter)	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Lilley (FJC)	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Lovell (YJ)	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Magnet & Southern	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
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135	93	Watts Blake	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Wellens Bros	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Wiggins	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Wilson (Connolly)	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
135	93	Wimpey (George)	135		8.6	6.4	8.5
		CHEMICALS, PLASTICS					
268	185	AKZO N/V Bearer	268		14.3	5.3	21.3
148	98	Allied Colloids	148		7.6	5.1	14.6
39	27	Amersham	39		2.0	5.1	18.7
268	185	Anchor Chemical	268		14.3	5.3	21.3
268	185	Arrow Chemical	268		14.3	5.3	21.3
591	398	Bayer DM50	591		31.5	5.3	21.3
128	88	Bibbys	128		6.8	5.3	21.3
128	88	Brent Chems	128		6.8	5.3	21.3
128	88	Br Benzol	128		6.8	5.3	21.3
128	88	Br Tar Products	128		6.8	5.3	21.3
128	88	Canning (W)	128		6.8	5.3	21.3
445	308	Croda	445		23.8	5.3	21.3
172	118	Crosfield Bros	172		9.2	5.3	21.3
172	118	Do 'A'	172		9.2	5.3	21.3
172	118	Cory (Horace)	172		9.2	5.3	21.3
172	118	Croda	172		9.2	5.3	21.3
172	118	Do Dfd	172		9.2	5.3	21.3
172	118	Ellis & Everard	172		9.2	5.3	21.3
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259	178	Hoechst DM50	259		13.8	5.3	21.3
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163	112	Stewart Plastic	163		8.7	5.3	21.3
255	175	Widdenhoime Rink	255		13.6	5.3	21.3
84	58	Yorkshire Chem	84		4.5	5.3	21.3
		CINEMAS AND TV					
196	145	Anglia TV 'A'	148		11.4	7.8	10.6
196	145	Grampian	148		11.4	7.8	10.6
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		DRAPERY AND STORES					
430	282	ASR	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
472	311	Aquascutum 'A'	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Bamett (James) 'A'	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
333	240	Bentalls	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Brenner	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
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211	141	Combined Englis	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Courts (Harry) 'A'	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Debenhams	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Dewhirst (J)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Dixons	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Ellis & Goldstein	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Elys (Wimbledon)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Empire Stores	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Etam	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Executive Clothes	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Fine Art Dev	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Ford (Martin)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Formfit Rose	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Foster Bros	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Fraser (AJ)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Galter (AJ)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Gent SR	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Goldberg (A)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Goldsmiths Gp	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Gordon	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Greenfield Stocks	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	GUS	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Do 'A'	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Habitat Mothercare	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Harris Queensway	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Helene Of London	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Hepworth (J)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Hilton	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Home Charm	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	House Of Fraser	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	House Of Lerose	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Jones (Ernest)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Ladies Pride	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Lee Cooper	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Liberty	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Lincroft Kilgour	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Marks & Spencer	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Mercies (John)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Mills	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Millets Leisure	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Moss Bros	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Next Retail	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Owen Owen	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Peters Stores	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Prowdy (Alfred)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Reiners (Jewellers)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Reyback	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Rideout	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Reed (Austin)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Do 'A'	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	S & U Stores	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Sanders (H)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Do 'A'	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Sellincourt	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Simpson (B) 'A'	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Smith (WH) 'A'	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Do 'B'	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Stanley (AG)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Steinberg	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Sumrie Clothes	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Superdrug Stores	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Tom Costalles	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Time Products	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Vantona Viyella	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	WW Group	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Ward White	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Whiting & Gillow	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Wigfall (Henry)	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
211	141	Woolworth	384		19.4	5.0	7.5
		ELECTRICALS					
568	321	AB Elect	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
468	240	Ampegon	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	Arten Elec	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	Atlantic Comp	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	Audio Fidelity	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	Auto Sec	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	BSR	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	Bowthorpe	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	Br Telecom 50p P	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	Brown Boveri Kent	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	CASE	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	Cable & Wireless	417		11.1	2.7	17.5
333	167	Cambridge Elec	417		11.1	2.7	17.5

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312	188	Abingworth	312		18.0	6.0	6.5
188	118	Allen Harvey	188		10.8	6.0	6.5
118	78	Antofagasta	118		6.8	6.0	18.2
188	118	Barlow Hldgs	188		10.8	6.0	6.5
188	118	Barnsley Tech	188		10.8	6.0	6.5
78	48	Bell	78		4.5	5.8	13.2
188	118	Candover	188		10.8	6.0	6.5
188	118	Centrewey	188		10.8	6.0	6.5
58	38	Hambro	58		3.4	5.9	13.2
145	98	Henry & Shaw	145		6.5	4.7	46.0
188	118	Makelle	188		10.8	6.0	6.5
188	118	Park Place	188		10.8	6.0	6.5

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1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
		FOODS					
36	18	Alpine Drinks	28		2.6	13.5	
142	98	Amys	142		7.3	5.2	10.1
75	54	Ali Food	75		3.8	5.2	10.1
179	118	Assoc Dairies	179		9.2	5.2	10.1
118	78	Assoc Fisheries	118		6.0	5.2	10.1
208	144	Avana	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Bambi (Sidney C)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Barlow & Dobson	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Barr (AG)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Bassett Foods	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Bellamys Of Yorks	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Bibby	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Bluebird Coal	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Br Vending (BV)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Cadbury Schweppp	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Cairns (Miling)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Clifford's Dairies	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Do 'A'	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Cullens	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Dale	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Fisher (Albert)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Fitch Lovell	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Glass Glover	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Hall (CH)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Hazlewood Foods	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Hillards	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Home Farm	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Iceland Frozen	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Kwik Save	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Lees (John J)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Lovell (WH)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Matthews (Bernard)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Maynards	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Meat Trade Supp	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Morrison (W)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Nabisco Brands	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Needlers	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Nichols (JR) (Vimto)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Normanton	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Ntn Foods	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Nurdin & Peacock	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Park Foods	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Pork	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Rowntree Mac	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Sainsbury (J)	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Somportex	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Tate & Lyle	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Tiensto	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Utd Biscuits	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
208	144	Watson & Philip	208		10.7	5.2	10.1
		HOTELS AND CATERERS					
288	174	Grand Met	288		14.2	5.6	15.6
174	118	Kennedy Brookes	174		8.9	5.6	15.6
174	118	Ladbroke	174		8.9	5.6	15.6
174	118	Lon Prov Hotels	174		8.9	5.6	15.6
174	118	Mount Charlotte	174		8.9	5.6	15.6
174	118	Prince Of W Hotels	174		8.9	5.6	15.6
174	118	Queens Moat	174		8.9	5.6	15.6
174	118	Savoy Hotels 'A'	174		8.9	5.6	15.6
174	118	Stakis	174		8.9	5.6	15.6
174	118	Thistlehouse Forte	174		8.9	5.6	15.6
		INDUSTRIALS A – D					
148	98	AAH	148		9.7	6.6	9.5
294	204	AGB Research	242		9.7	3.6	24.6
242	168	AIM	242		9.6	3.6	24.6
242	168	APV	242		9.6	3.6	24.6
164	98	Aerospace	164		9.6	5.6	11.9
248	164	Airtech	248		9.6	5.6	11.9
164	98	Alexandra W'wear	164		9.6	5.6	11.9
164	98	Amber Ind	164		9.6	5.6	11.9
164	98	Appleyard	164		9.6	5.6	11.9
164	98	Applied Comp Tech	240		7.9	3.3	24.6
164	98	Arnesen	240		7.9	3.3	24.6
164	98	Armour	412		8.5	5.2	14.8
164	98	Ash & Lacey	412		8.5	5.2	14.8
164	98	Ashley	412		8.5	5.2	14.8
164	98	Assoc Br Eng	412		8.5	5.2	14.8
164	98	Assoc Fleet	412		8.5	5.2	14.8
164	98	Aztec Telecoms	412		8.5	5.2	14.8
164	98	Aurora	195		7.1	3.6	23.7
164	98	Do Prf Ord	315		7.1	2.3	23.7
164	98	Avon Rubber	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Ayrshire Metal	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	BBA	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	BET Dfd	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	BETEC	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	BOC	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	BTR	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Babcock	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Baird (CH)	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Baird (Wm)	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Baker Perkins	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Banro Ind	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Bangot	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Barlows	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Barlow Rand	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Barrow Hepburn	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Barton Transport	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Baynes (Charles)	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Beales (John)	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Beaumont	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Beecham	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Bellair Cosmetics	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Benlox	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Bensons	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Berisford (SW)	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Berpack	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Bestobell	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Bibby (J)	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Biddle	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Bilton (J)	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
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164	98	Birmingham Mint	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Black Arrow	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Black (Peter)	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Blackwood Hodge	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Blundell-Perm	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Bodycote	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Bolckow McOmmet	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Boots	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Boulton (Wm)	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Boustead	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Braithwaite Eng	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Brammer	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Brakeley	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
164	98	Brengwyn	315		20.0	6.3	12.6
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Battle for £100m shopping and leisure plan

By Judith Huntley

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Two leaders in retail development are vying to transform large derelict areas east of London with 1 million sq ft schemes costing up to £100 million each.

The fight is on at Thurrock, Essex, where Capital and Counties and Town & City Properties are going hell for leather to build retail and leisure developments on sites down the road from each other.

Town & City wants to develop 1.3 million sq ft of shopping, leisure and recreation space with parking for 7,500 cars on the 50-acre former cement works at Thurrock Chalk Quarries, west of the M25.

The £100 million scheme, called Dolphin Park, would utilize the cliff faces on the site, incorporating an 80-foot high central atrium with internal lake. Shopping malls will have eight large stores with 100 shops and kiosks.

The developer hopes to have two department stores at the east and west points of the project with access to parking. There will be a food court and speciality market as well as a children's village and multi-screen cinema.

Food courts, commonplace in the US, are appearing in nearly all new British centres. They offer communal seating and a variety of fast food operators.

Capital and Counties, on the other hand, wants to build 1.15 million sq ft of retailing, and a £12 million leisure complex centring on a 20-acre lake. The total scheme will cost £100 million. The shopping element of the plan on the 125-acre site, allows for department stores, fashion stores and other shops as well as a 600-seat food court.

The leisure centre would also incorporate a food court. CapCo's scheme has parking for 8,000 cars. Its site is called Lakeside, and is owned by the Pearson Group, the owner of the *Financial Times*, Royal Doulton and Madame Tussauds, among other interests.

CapCo and Pearson intend jointly developing the Lakeside scheme if they obtain the crucial planning consent. CapCo makes the point that its site is not in the green belt. Neither is the Town & City site which the company has owned for 20 years.

Both developers presented their plans to Thurrock District Council last weekend. The council says it intends choosing one scheme which will then have to be approved by the Government. It is highly likely that the Environment Secretary will call in the application and decide it himself.

Both developers have a record in building high quality retail developments. Both could obtain the necessary finance. Town & City, now part of the P & O Group under the chairmanship of Sir Jeffrey Sterling, should have access to funds for this project and Capital and Counties has the financial muscle of the Pearson Group behind it.

The council will have a hard job deciding which scheme to pick. If all goes well the successful developer could be trading by 1990.

More competition is afoot in south London. Land Securities has put in a bid to develop a retail park at Wandsworth. It joins other contenders to develop about 85,000 sq ft of non-food retailing next to the Arndale Shopping Centre.

At the moment, outline planning permission for retail warehousing exists but the final area of space and the form it will take have yet to be decided. The site is owned by Wandsworth council and the Church Commissioners, who will decide which tender offer to accept.

The venture is an interesting move on the part of Land Securities renowned for its huge office portfolio, much of which is concentrated in the City of London. The company is known to be on the lookout for retail investments and developments, with the market putting a figure of £15 million on the amount the company is prepared to spend. Retail property forms 36 per cent of its portfolio but Land Securities wants to increase that percentage. The question is how it will do so.

The company, which likes to keep a low profile, is rich in assets but not in cash. The market is expecting it to raise money for any property buying spree with talk of a debenture issue. Land Securities on the other hand argues that it does not need to raise money at the moment and can bide its time until the cost of borrowing falls below the very high levels now being experienced.

Tricentrol eyes new City offices

● **Tricentrol, the oil company, is close to signing the lease on Bevis Marks House, the 56,580 sq ft office building on the eastern edge of the City of London developed by the United Kingdom Provident Institution.**

Tricentrol's search for new offices has been necessitated by the fact that the lease on its existing building, Capel House, New Bond Street, expires at the end of the year. It will be paying total costs of about £40 a sq ft at Bevis Marks.

Tricentrol has the lease from the City Corporation but in spite of its offers to vacate some space while refurbishment is under way, City Corporation appears to have refused this option, preferring to have the whole building vacated. The Tricentrol move gives City Corporation the opportunity to upgrade Capel House and then ask for a substantially higher rent improving the value of the asset.

● **Beacontree Estates, the joint company owned by Clarke, Nickolls & Coombs and J M Jones and Sons, the contractors, is believed to be talking to Grand Metropolitan and Holiday Inn as potential hotel operators for its site in Reading, Berkshire. Beacontree Estates is the selected developer for the 65-acre Richfield Avenue site the former venue of the Reading jazz and pop festival. Included in the site is the Caversham Bridge Hotel, which fronts the river.**

● **Widespread demand for office space in central London has resulted in more than 1 million sq ft being let, sold or placed under offer last month. Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, the estate agent, reports that activity in the market was far ranging. The West End saw an improvement in the market with 541,000 sq ft let. In the City, take-up reached 388,000 sq ft.**

The strength of the market is not confined to one or two large lettings. Only 45 per cent of take-up was in units over 12,000 sq ft, with West End lettings in this category accounting for 53 per cent of the total. Available floorspace in central London dropped to its lowest level since 1982 in February, at 7.18 million sq ft.

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Contempt orders must be specific

Chiltern District Council v Keane

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson

[Judgment delivered March 15]

Orders of committal to prison for contempt of court should state with sufficient particularity what it was that the court had found proved in order that the contemnor might know the offence that had been proved against him.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by a defendant, Mr John Keane, from Mr Justice Goulding's order on February 1, 1985, made on the application of the Chiltern District Council, committing him to prison for two months for contempt of court.

The contempt was for failure to comply with undertakings relating to the user of land given to Mr Justice Vinelott on March 24, 1980, and orders regarding the removal of specified vehicles from the land made by Mr Justice Graham on December 18, 1980.

Mr James Munby for the defendant; Mr G. S. Lawson Rogers for the council.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that on the evidence the defendant appeared to consider himself wholly exempt from all planning regulations. It was an appeal which totally lacked the ingredient of merit. However, where the liberty of the subject was involved the Court of Appeal had time and again asserted that the procedural rules applicable must be strictly complied with.

Three separate complaints were made on the defendant's behalf. First, although the notice of motion to commit had been personally served on him as required by Order 52, rule 3(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which was subject to paragraph (3), it only stated the grounds in general terms. It recited the undertaking and the injunction and then alleged that there had been a breach.

On the authorities that was not sufficient. What was required was that the alleged contemnor should know, with sufficient particularity to enable him to defend himself, what exactly he was said to have done which constituted contempt of court.

The undertakings and injunctions covered a wide range of activity. The notice of motion failed to give the defendant information as to whether he was in breach of every single requirement of the orders or only some of them, and which.

Every notice to commit must be looked at against its own background. The test was whether the alleged contemnor was given sufficient information to enable him to meet the charge.

Second, the defendant had been granted an adjournment on the original hearing date. A letter addressed to him informed him that the new hearing date would be on February 1, 1985.

His Lordship well understood that the judge had concluded that the defendant knew perfectly well that the hearing was to be on that date.

But it was said that there was an obligation, where a hearing was adjourned to a date to be fixed, to notify that date by personal service. His Lordship thought that was right.

The reasons which led to the rule requiring personal service of the notice of motion in the first place applied equally to an adjourned hearing if it was not merely a continuation of the hearing but, as here, an adjournment to a date to be fixed. The court was bound by the authority of *Adams v Whetton* (unreported, November 29, 1978, Court of Appeal).

Third, Form No 85 (see *The Supreme Court Practice 1985*, volume 2, p38) was the form required to be used for a committal order by Order 1, rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Form 85 included in italics and in square brackets the words "state the contempt". It was said for the defendant that someone who was committed to prison was entitled to know in what respects he had been found guilty. In principle that must be right.

Apparently that was never done or was not usually done. In this case the committal order simply recited that the defendant had been guilty of contempt of court in failing to comply with the undertakings given before Mr Justice Vinelott on March 24, 1980 and the order of December 18, 1980, the undertakings and parts of the order being set out in schedules.

It was clearly a common form of order. Inquiries showed that something similar occurred in the Queen's Bench Division.

It was quite clear that there ought to be a revision of the practice in both divisions so that committal orders should state with sufficient particularity what it was that the court found proved in order that the contemnor might know the offence that had been proved against him. The contemnor was entitled to know on how many counts he had been found guilty and to have them specified.

His Lordship hoped that judges would in future indicate in clear terms, when giving reasons for their judgments, what it was they found proved, and that those responsible for drawing up the orders would then record what it was that was found proved.

On all three grounds the order should be set aside. The defendant should be told in due course that he had been released solely because of technicalities. If he committed further breaches, technicalities would be avoided and he would go to prison for a long time. The appeal should be allowed.

Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson agreed.

Solicitors: Official Solicitor; Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Mr D G Sainsbury, Amersham.

Divorce effect on will not same as death

In re Sinclair (Deceased)
Lloyds Bank plc v Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Another

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Slade and Mr Justice Bristow

[Judgment delivered February 27]

Where a gift by will by a testator to his wife failed by reason of their divorce, a gift over in the will in the event of the wife's death became ineffective.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund from a decision of Mr Michael Wheeler, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division (*The Times*, August 4, 1984; [1984] 1 WLR 1240) that the gift passed to the testator's brother as on the testator's intestacy.

Mr Peter Rawson for the fund; Mr Angus Nicol for the brother; Mr P. S. A. Rossdale for Lloyds Bank, the trustee and executor under the will.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE said that the appeal raised a question as to the effect of the testator's divorce on the testator's testamentary dispositions: "3 I give . . . the whole of my estate . . . unto my wife . . .

"4 If my said wife shall predecease me or fail to survive me for the period [of one month] then I give . . . the whole of my estate . . . unto the Imperial Cancer Research Fund."

At the date of the will the testator had a wife but some four years later the marriage was dissolved.

Section 18A(1) of the Wills Act 1837 (as inserted by section 18(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1982) provided: "Where, after a testator has made a will, a decree of a court dissolves or annuls his marriage or declares it void . . . (b) any devise or bequest to the former spouse shall lapse, except in so far as a contrary intention appears by the will."

There was no doubt that the section caused the gift in favour of the wife to fail. However, doubts arose as to whether the combined effect of the will and the section was to cause the residuary estate of the testator on the one hand to devolve on the fund or, on the other hand, to devolve as on the testator's intestacy. The only person interested on the footing of an intestacy was the testator's brother.

The deputy judge held that the testator's residuary estate ought to be paid to the brother on the footing that the will had made no effective gift of it. The fund appealed.

Mr Rawson submitted that the opening words of section 18A(1)(b) should be read as meaning "any devise or bequest to the former spouse shall fail with the same consequences as if the former spouse had died in the testator's lifetime."

It was thus an essential part of the fund's case that the single word "lapse" in the section should be read as not only importing a failure of the relevant gift in favour of the former spouse, but as designating also the consequences of such failure in relation to the other provisions contained in the will.

The most direct support for that submission was the decision of Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss in *In re Cherrington (Dec'd)* ([1984] 1 WLR 772, 775) where the judge said that to give effect to the intentions of the testator section 18A(1)(b) should be interpreted as referring to the former spouse predeceasing the testator. That construction of the section was wrong.

The natural meaning of "lapse" in the context of section 18A(1)(b) was to refer to the happening of an event, such as divorce, in the testator's lifetime which was to prevent the intended legatee, the former spouse, from becoming entitled to the legacy.

Neither of the two contingencies upon which the gift over in favour of the fund in clause 4 of the will was expressed to take effect had in fact occurred.

The general principle was that where there was a gift over upon certain alternative contingencies, it would not take effect unless one or other of those exact contingencies happened. When he made his will, the testator did not address his mind to the contingency of a future divorce.

It was not open to the court to rewrite the will by adding other specific contingencies to those clearly expressed on the basis of mere intelligent speculation as to what the testator might have intended if his marriage ended in divorce.

While the gift to the wife failed, the gift over to the fund could not take effect and the estate passed to the brother as on the testator's intestacy.

Mr Justice Bristow agreed and Lord Justice O'Connor delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte; H. Kennard & Son, Leytonstone; Keene Marsland, Tunbridge Wells.

Solicitors reported to Law Society

Halton Borough Council v Cawley and Another
Middleton v Mardon
North v Sandell Perkins Ltd

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Justice Mustill) on March 18 dismissed three appeals for failure to comply with Order 59, rule 9(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court on the lodging of appeal documents and criticized the appellants' solicitors for their conduct of the appeals.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in the first case nothing whatever was heard from the appellant's solicitor after the appeal had been set down.

In the second and third cases the Civil Appeals Office had even written letters to the appellant's solicitors pointing out that no documents had been lodged and warning that the appeal would be listed for dismissal if Order 59, rule 9 was not complied with. Yet there was no explanation or any other form of reaction from the solicitors.

Accordingly, his Lordship would refer all those cases to the professional purposes committee of the Law Society for action.

Correction

In *Spiliada Maritime Corporation v Cansulex Ltd* (*The Times* March 16) Mr Peter Goldsmith, instructed by Linklaters & Paines appeared for the defendants; and Mr Nicholas Legh-Jones, instructed by Holman, Fenwick & Willan, for the plaintiffs.

Football: A couple of erratic notes struck by Stapleton and Hughes after 120 minutes of playing end a rhapsody in red in Hungary

United pay the cruellest of penalties

From Peter Ball
Szekesfehervar

Videoton.....1
Manchester United.....0
Aggregate 1–1. Videoton win 5–4 on penalties)

Manchester United crashed *cruelly out of Europe in this* UEFA Cup quater-final second leg in Hungary. They had dominated the game for most of its 120 minutes. The most revealing moment came with the end of extra time when the Videoton players exulted as *though they had won rather* than putting the tie into the lottery of penalties.

One could understand this. *for rarely can a side be forced to* defend so continuously on their own ground and live to tell the tale. Ten minutes later those scenes were re-enacted with increased emotion as a capacity crowd on a dank, dismal evening cheered as Stapleton and Hughes missed their penalties to allow Videoton through to the next round.

Backed by fervent support from the open terraces, Videoton began with their expected rush, but until the goal arrived in the nineteenth minute United, who had settled quickly, coped comfortably with their efforts and looked the more likely scorers.

They had the only real chance in the opening period. Whiteside stretching to glance Albiston's cross fractionally past. A surging run up the other wing by the long-striding Gidman had also shown that the Hungarian defence could be breached on the flanks and, with the pugnacious Hughes proving a handful, United had every reason for optimism.

The goal, however, came at the other end and, if undeserved, it was a telling punishment for a cynical trip by Robson on Palkovics 25 yards out. Wittman's fierce drive deflected off Whiteside, a most unjust victim, on the edge of United's wall, to beat Bailey's dive.

The goal made little impact on the flow of the game. With Whiteside and Duxbury prominent in midfield, United continued to look the more accomplished team and only fine saves by Disztl and poor finishing prevented United equalizing by the interval.

The goalkeeper reacted splendidly to parry McGrath's close-range volley and made an equally fine stop from Duxbury's drive. He was, however, relieved to see Stapleton shoot into the side netting after his brother's flick had opened the way for Whiteside; and Hughes's tendency to turn into rather than away from defenders also say a good opportunity wasted.

United were to regret those chances, for although most of the second half was played in Videoton's half, with Stapleton *and Hughes becoming increasingly* bogged down by the heavy conditions and the heavy Hungarian tackling, they failed *to assert their evident superiority.*

Whiteside, who was increasingly the most impressive player on the field, was the exception, but as he came forward to meet Robson's free kick, and then Stapleton's cross, he was unable to get any power into his headers. When a rare Hungarian break saw Szabo avoid two challenges in the penalty area, it was Whiteside who came across to make the saving tackle.

With 15 minutes left, United made their best move of the half. Stapleton opening the way for Strachan to cut in from the right. His cross-shot flew past the far post, needing only a touch, but neither Whiteside not Hughes could apply it.

With Videoton apparently quite content to let the game be decided by penalties, extra time became inevitable. Briefly, that thought stirred the Hungarians out of their lethargy and United were happy to see Albiston head Burca's corner off the line.

VIDEOTON: P Disztl; I Borsanyi, G Horvath, L Disztl, T Vegh, G Burcsa, G Wittman, G Vaszil (sub: M Fadd), J Szabo, I Vadasz (Sub: O Gomori), I Palkovics.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; J Gidman, A Albiston, M Duxbury, G McGrath, G Hogg, B Robson (Sub: J Olsen), G Strachan, M Hughes, F Stapleton, N Whiteside.
Referee: E Fredriksson (Sweden).



The not-so-sharp shooters who put United in a spot and Videoton in the semi-final: Hughes and Stapleton

Daniel in Wolves' den test of his Milk Cup hopes

Peter Daniel's hopes of a Milk Cup final place against Norwich depend on how he plays in the reserves tonight. The Sunderland midfield player has not had a game since the semi-final second leg at Chelsea two weeks ago after breaking his toe two days before against Queen's Park Rangers.

Daniel resumed full-time training on Tuesday and will have to prove his fitness in a Central league game at Wolverhampton. If he suffers no discomfort he will wear a boot stretched to accommodate his damaged toe at Wembley on Sunday.

Booby McDonald, who has been out of action through injury for almost two months, could make a surprise to the *Oxford United* team for Saturday's home game against Manchester City. Jim Smith, the Oxford manager was not expecting his left back, who had an operation on torn stomach muscles, to be available for another 10 days.

Smith said: "Bobby has told me he is preparing himself mentally for a comeback against his old club. He will continue light training and I will make a final decision on Friday."

With Kevin Brock recovering from a virus and Jeremy Charles overcoming a calf injury, Oxford could be at full strength for the first time since losing to Blackburn Rovers at the end of January.

Donald Mackay, the Coventry City manager, returned home during training yesterday suffering from influenza.

● Derrick Christie has asked *for a transfer from Reading. The* winger has been unable to claim a first team place since signing on a free transfer from Cambridge *United last summer.*

● England schools under-15 side will defend the Victory Shield against Scotland at the City Ground, Nottingham, tomorrow with a team showing changes at forward from that beaten 1-0 by West Germany at Wembley last Saturday. Stephen Ward of Woking, loses his place to Simon Hutchinson, another member of the FA School, with Roderick Thomas (Harrow) coming in to partner Jason Beckford in the centre of the attack.
TEAM: A Elliott (Solihull); P Kelly (North Kent), I Docker (Medway), S Tuthill (York), P Atkin (South Notts), L Darby (Mid-Wilts), S Hutchinson (Sheffield), S Murray (Newcastle-on-Tyne), R Thomas (Harrow), D Esquilant (Islington and Camden), J Beckford (Manchester).

Collins released

Kevin Collins, the Shrewsbury Town defender, restricted to only four senior outings since he signed professional 18 months ago, has been released from his contract by mutual consent.

'Rix ready to end five-month break

Graham Rix, out of the first team since the beginning of November through injury, could be recalled by Arsenal at Everton. The league leaders, on Saturday, Rix played in a specially arranged friendly against Wimbledon last night, and could revitalize Arsenal's title challenge which showed signs of fading when they struggled to a draw against lowly Ipswich at Highbury, on Tuesday.

Don Howe, Arsenal's manager, said: "I was not very happy because we did not create enough. our problem is a lack of width."

Ipswich's manager, Bobby Ferguson, said: "I thought we deserved to win but was glad of a point with a patched up team. I was particularly pleased with centre-halves Terry Butcher and Russell Osman."

Ipswich took a 59th minute lead through Jason Dozzell but Raphael Meade equalized 11 minutes later in front of Arsenal's smallest crowd of the season.

Luton Town, one game away from a Wembley FA Cup final appearance, slipped a little nearer their second division when they went down 3-0 at Watford. With Ipswich taking a point in a 1-1 draw at Arsenal, Luton dropped to 21st place, level on points with Ipswich, having played a game more.

It was a night of revenge for Watford, who were Luton's fifth round Cup victims after wasting a 2-0 lead in a replay at Vicarage Road. Two goals from Luther Blissett, on his 300th appearance for the club, and another from Nigel Callaghan, gave Watford a comfortable win.

Manchester City, the second division leaders, took a valuable away point against promotion rivals Birmingham in a goalless match at St Andrews, while *Hull* cut *Bradford's* lead at the top of the third division to five points by beating Lincoln, through a Neil Williams goal, at Boothferry Park.

Gillingham drew 1–1 at Plymouth and Millwall 0-0 at Rotherham to stay in contention for promotion.

Tuesday's results

FIRST DIVISION: Arsenal 1, Ipswich Town 1; Watford 3, Luton Town 0.
SECOND DIVISION: Birmingham City 0, Manchester City 0. Postponed: Barnsley v Grimsby Town.
THIRD DIVISION: Hull City 1, Lincoln City 0; Plymouth Argyle 1, Gillingham 1; Rotherham 0, Millwall 0; Walsall 1, Bolton Wanderers.
FOURTH DIVISION: Bury 1, Darlington 0; Northampton Town 0, Chester 2; Scunthorpe United 1, Exeter City 1; Torquay United 1, Mansfield Town 0.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: First round, 1st second leg: Brixton Rovers 0, Swansea City 0 (Swansea win 2-0 on agg; Swansea away to Newport County). Second round: Brentford 2, Cambridge United 0 (Brentford away to Newport or Swansea); Torquay Rovers 2, Burnley 2 (last score after 90 min 1-1; Torquay won 5-4 on penalties). Tranmere Rovers away to Bury or Wigan).
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Forfar 9, Brechin 0.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Dunfermline 2, East Stirlingshire 0.
GOLA LEAGUE: Enfield 0, Dartford 1; Runcorn 0, Frickley 0; Weeldstone 0, Yeovil 3.
SOUTHWARK ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay 0, Carshalton 0; Hayes 3, Tooting and Mitcham 2; Harrow 1, Bognor Regis 2; Leytonstone and Ilford 2, Harlow 1; Wokingham 3, Worthing 2; Wycombe Wanderers 2, Hitchin 0. First division: Aveley 1, Boreham Wood 3; Hertford 1, Oxford City 0; Kingstonian 3, Woking 2; Leatherhead 1, Wembley 3; Staines 2, Farnborough 2; St Albans 1, Wembley 2; Tilbury 2, Maidenhead 1. Second division north: Barton 1, Harefield 5; Berkhamsted 2, Haringey Borough 0; Epping 0, Letchworth 0; Kingsbury 1, Wolverton 2; Leyton/Wingate 3, Cheshunt 1; Saffron Walden 2, Rackwell Heath 1; Stevenage 0, Finchley 3. Second division south: Chertsey 0, Eastbourne United 5; Dorking 2, Egham 1; Grays 2, Rainham 1; Horsham 2, Bracknell 1; Uxbridge 2, Camberley 2; Whyteleafe 4, Petersfield 1.
EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round: Wales 0, Netherlands 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Macclesfield 3, Burton Albion 1, Marine 1, South Liverpool 1; Stafford Rangers 0, Worksop 0
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: AP Leamington 1, Gloucester 0; Hastings 0, Corby 0; Witney 1, Trowbridge 2. Midland division: Bridgnorth 2, Dudley 4; Forest Green 1, Coventry Sporting 2; Merthyr Tydfil 1, Bromsgrove 0. Postponed: Oldbury v Moor Green. Southern division: Chatham 1, Canterbury 0; Ends and Belvedere 0, Salisbury 1.
HERTS SENIOR CUP: Second round replays: Barnet 1, Bishop's Stortford 1 (aet: Barnet won 5-4 on penalties).
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round replay: Fisher 1, Clapton 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday 1, Huddersfield Town 2. Second division: Blackpool 0, Scunthorpe 3; Leeds United 2, Oldham Athletic 1; Middlesbrough 2, Rotherham 1; Sunderland 0, Doncaster Rovers 2.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton and Hove Albion 3, Birmingham City 1; Norwich City 0, Luton Town 0; Portsmouth 1, Ipswich Town 1; Queen's Park Rangers 2, Charlton Athletic 1; Southampton 3, Watford 3.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Braintree 3, Tiptree 2; Yarmouth 2, Colchester United 3, Lowestoft 2, Bury Town 1.
ESSEX THAMES-SIDE TROPHY: First round: Walthamstow 1, Southend 0.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCH: Northampton 19, Metropolitan Police 7

Reid is dominant as Everton march on

From Simon O'Hagan
Maastricht

Fortuna Sittard.....0
Everton.....2

Everton are through to the semi-finals of a European competition for the first time in their history. Last night they outplayed Fortuna Sittard in the second leg of their Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final, winning 5-0 on aggregate. Their dominant figure was Reid, who scored his side's second goal after 76 minutes.

A capacity crowd of 20,000, three times larger than Sittard's average attendance, filled the stadium, ensuring that for one night at least football took the place of fine art as the area's proudest feature.

In an atmosphere as boisterous as a Breughel painting Fortuna failed to make the start they needed. For ten minutes Everton stifled their every attempt at a move and then made the breakthrough they could hardly have dared hope for.

Fortuna had only themselves to blame. Having survived once when, in the 12th minute, Reid intercepted a pass only for Curran to shoot against the goalkeeper's legs, they contrived to commit the same error again, three minutes later, but with rather more serious consequences.

This time it was Sharp who was sent clear by Reid. Between him and the goalkeeper stood the 39-year-old Sitard sweeper, Dekker. Age, however, could not make up for lack of mobility and, having rounded him neatly, Sharp guided the ball into the corner of the net.

As the crowd's tones grew rather more subdued, Sittard set about the minor task of scoring five goals. Even with a team full of players like Hoyer, their skilful centre forward, they surely would have struggled.

As in the first leg, Hoyer was left alone in his side's efforts to retrieve the drastic situation. He almost made an inroad a minute after everton's goal, but he got underneath his headers and went even closer ten minutes before half time, when he headed against the bar.

Hoyer's efforts apart, Fortuna produced *an outstanding run* and shot in the 54th minute – Sittard were kept in strict check by an Everton team extolling their familiar virtues.

As this attitude hardened and Sittard's hopes dwindled further, some uncompromising tackles were inevitable. It was a shame, from the point of view of the spectacle, that Sittard could not match robustness with imagination.

Everton were simply too good. As the hour passed the hopelessness of Sittard's position received an unexpected comment from one of their own supporters, who streaked – remember streakers – across the pitch.

Reid capped his performance with the second goal after 76 minutes.

FORTUNA SITTARD: G Kover; R Meessen, W Boessen, G Schrijvers-Hiele, C Dekker, W Sarwijn, F Thijssen, W Kievitmeyn, A Hoyer, T van Wel, R Philippen.
EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, T Steven, T Curran, G Sharp, A Harper, K Richardson.
Referee: F Wöhrer (Austria).

Southampton sign Case

Jimmy Case, the Brighton *forward formerly with Liverpool* yesterday returned to the first division by signing for Southampton. Manager, Lawrie McMenemy "A small fee". A delighted Case said: "Of course, I am growing very fond of Brighton but it is great to be back in the first division, and with side like the Saints the possibility of *European football is always on the cards.*"

Brighton manager Chris Catlin explained the surprise move: "Jimmy has had a great career here but my policy now is to build for the future. I will be filling the gap that has been created and I have a replacement player in mind."

Case was at the Dell yesterday to complete the signing.



Case: delighted

Lyall signs a new contract

West Ham's manager, John Lyall, ended speculation about his future yesterday when he agreed to what he called "a new long term contract". Ever since the club's board refused to release him to take over at Queen's Park Rangers last summer there has been conjecture that Lyall would sever a 28-year connection with West Ham when his contract finished at the end of this season.

Declined to reveal how long the new contract will run, Lyall said: "Obviously the important and nice thing for me was that the directors wanted everything to be right and satisfactory before we agreed. Naturally I am delighted, because I have a lot of good people around me at West Ham, both staff and players, and I do not think any manager could have better fans behind them than I do.

"Everybody involved with West Ham United sticks with you through thick and thin – and those are the sort of things you have to consider first when you are thinking about your future."

Now in his eighth year as manager at Upton Park, Lyall joined the office staff *in 1955 before* signing as an apprentice two years later. An England youth cap, he made 30 first team appearances before injury forced him to retire. After coaching West Ham junior and youth squads, he became assistant manager to Ron Greenwood in 1971, and team manager three years later before taking sole charge when Greenwood was given the England job.

Clear of the box

Spanish football fans will be without televised action after the Spanish League broke off their *television contract yesterday (AFP* reports). The break came after the last 25 minutes of Barcelona's match with Hercules were shown live last Sunday. Only recorded matches are authorized under this season's agreement.

Bordeaux survive the cold war

Agencies – The most keenly contested of yesterday's quarter-final, second leg matches in the three European club competitions must have been in Kriroi Rog. The French champions, Bordeaux, eventually won their European Cup tie against the Russian side, Dneproptrovsk – but only after extra time and the exhange of angry words.

Bordeaux won 5-3 on penalties after the sides had finished extra time as they had begun – with the score 1-1. The first leg had also finished 1-1. Lysenko scored for the Russians after 12 minutes but Bordeaux equalized through Tusseau in the seventy-fifth minute.

Bordeaux had been angered by the complex travel arrangements for the game. Their chairman, Claude Bez, said that the Russians had "done everything to make us arrive late." The Russians countered that by calling Bez "a bandit". UEFA refused to postpone after the Bordeaux party had been delayed by fot in Kiev on Tuesday.

Juventus suffered their first defeat *in this season's European Cup* campaign when they lost 1-0 in Czechoslovakia to Sparta Prague. But the defeat did not check the Italians' progress into the semi-final. The led 3-0 from the first leg two weeks ago and went 3-1 on aggregate.

Roma, narrowly beaten by Liverpool in the European Cup final last May, went out of the European Cup winners' Cup when they lost 2-1 to Bayera Munich in Rome. The leaders of the West German league built on their 2-0 first leg lead to *qualify for the semi-finals*

In the same competition, Dynamo Moscow defeated the Greek team, Larissa 1-0 in Moscow. Dynamo scored in the sixty-first minute through Fomichev. The first leg had been a goalless draw.

In the UEFA Cup, also in Moscow, the Yugoslav team, Zeljeznicar, drew 1-1 against Dynamo Minsk to advance to the semi-finals.



Fall of Rome: Bayern's Dremler dives at the feet of Roma's rather casual Conti

McClelland set for captaincy

Norther Ireland are looking for a new captain for next Wednesday's *friendly match against Spain in* Palma, after yesterday's withdrawal of Sammy McIlroy from the squad.

The Stoke City midfield player is required for a re-arranged League fixture at Villa park on the same night.

The Norther Ireland manager, Billy Bingham, has called up Newcastle's David McCreery and is likely to give the captaincy to the Watford central defender, John McClelland.

McIlroy took over as captain for the World Cup qualifing match against England in Belfast last month, in place of the injured Martin O'Neill (Notts County).

The Queen's Park Rangers forward, Michael Robinson, named in the Republic of Ireland squad for next Tuesday's match against England, may not overcome injury in time.

Robinson, who has been out with illnes and injury since his £100,000 transfer from Liverpool at the end of December, damaged a hamstring on Saturday. He is almost certain to miss Rangers' match at Luton on Satuday, and it will be touch and go *if he recovers in time for Wembley.*

The Rangers' acting manager, Frank Sibley, was back at Loftus road yesterday after recovering from the virus which forced him to enter hospital on Saturday – thus missing the 3-0 home win over Ipswich.

Crooks in talks

Nantes (AFP) – Garth Crooks, the Tottenham Hotspur forward, may join the French first division side Nantes. Crooks, scorer of the goal which ended Tottenham's 73-year jinx at Anfield against Liverpool last Saturday, has had talks with Nante's manager, Robert Budzinski.

Nantes would like to buy Crooks if their free-scoring Yugoslav forward, Valid Halilhodzic, decides not to renew his contract at the end of the season.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

FOOTBALL

European Cup
Quarter-final round, second leg
S PRAGUE (0) 1 JUVENTUS (0) 0
Berger (pen) 38,000
Juventus win 3-1 on aggregate

European Cup Winners' Cup
Quarter-final round, second leg
D MOSCOW (0) 1 LARISA (0) 0
Fomichev 20,000
Dynamo win 1-0 on aggregate

AS ROMA (0) 1 BAYERN MUN (1) 2
Nela Matthews (pen)
55,400 Kogl
Bayern win 4-1 on aggregate

UEFA Cup
Quarter-final round, second leg
VIDEOTON (1) 1 MANCHESTER U (0) 0
Wittman 25,000
Aggregate 1-1. Videoton won 5-4 on penalties

DYNAMO MINSK (1) 1 ZELJEZNICAR (1) 1
Kutsin Bahic
28,00
Zeljeznicar win 3-1 on aggregate

BOXING

Agreement on title bout

Caracas (AP) – Francisco Quiroz, the Dominican World Boxing Association light-flyweight champion, will box a United States challenger, Joey Olivo, at Miami's Convention Centre on March 29. The promoters, "Tuto" Zabala and Rafael Cedeno said agreement had been reached between the parties involved after the bout had to be postponed twice for legal reasons.

Cedeno said part of the proceeds of the 15-round match "will be handed to the Chilean consul or ambassador to the United States, as a contribution for the victims of the recent Chilean earthquake."

Cochrane ban

Gullingham's Northern Ireland international wing, Terry Cochrane, has received a one match ban for reaching 20 points.

ICE SKATING

Sell-out for Torvill and Dean in NZ

Auckland (AFP) – *Jayne Torvill* and Christopher Dean have arrived in New Zealand at the start of a world tour that may last two years.

The ice dance Olympic gold medal winners and word champions will give 12 performances of their new professional show in New Zealand – six in Christchurch and six in Auckland. All the shows were booked out soon after tickets went on sale.

They said they were surprised at the following they have in New Zealand. "It works out that one in seven people in Christchurch alone are coming to see us, and that's a good average," Dean said.

They still aim for perfection. "It's your own personal satisfaction – giving your own best performance on the night. That's what everybody *is really striving for,*" Dean said. "That's the ultimate challenge."

New Zealand lacks ice skating facilities, so in Christchurch the pair will make their debut in a specially constructed tent. "We're performing in the largest tent in the world," Dean said.

Their shows will make much use of special effects. The sound will come from speakers weighing a ton and a half in the reinforced roof of the tent. Miss Torvill and Dean will be illuminated by 380 spotlights and smoke and dry ice will be much in evidence.

In Auckland they will perform in a specially converted wool store, where the world's largest portable ice floor, of 11,000 square feet, has been installed.

New Zealand audiences are seeing the new show before the pair's own country has a chance. They are scheduled to make their first professional appearance in London in August.

SNOOKER

Matchwinning frame goes to Griffiths

By Sydney Friskin

Wales, whose last success was achieved in 1980, reached the semi-finals of the Guinness World Cup tournament at the Bournemouth International Centre yesterday by defeating Australia 5-4. Terry Griffiths won the deciding frame with a break 71 against Warren King, *but it was Doug Mountjoy* who restored their fortunes when he levelled the match at 4-4.

Play began with the match between the two captains, Griffiths and Eddie Charlton. Despite his early break of 46 Charlton struggled to win the first frame. Griffiths, having cut the lead to 55-54, eventually lost it on the black ball. The Welsh captain drew away in the second frame and a break of 43 put him in command. So it was one frame all.

Mountjoy came in to win the next two frames against John Campbell no chance in the second with a brilliant break of 92, clearing everything up to the pink.

Ray Reardon was unable to hold the advantage for Wales and he lost the next two frames of the match to King. Then Charlton tied 1-1 with Mountjoy. Charlton won the first frame but even a break of 60 in the second did not make him secure. He led 65-22 before Mountjoy mad a brilliant recovery to win the frame on the black ball and level the scores at 4-4.

QUARTERFINALS: Wales 5, Australia 4 (T Griffiths bed with E Charlton, 60-62, 108-1; D Mountjoy beat J Campbell 78-47, 93-14; R Reardon lost to W King 51-67, 42-75; Mountjoy bad with Charlton 40-70, 67-65; Griffiths beat King 94-9.

● Nick Lazarus, aged 19, from Romford, won the Thames Sport Cockney Snooker Classic for the Mecca Bookmakers Trophy. He defeated David Brown 87-18 in the final and received a cash prize of £1,000.

GOLF

Lyle starts early on road to riches

From John Ballantine Las Vegas

Getting up at five o'clock in the morning to tee off at 6.39 is the sort of thing that might only appeal to a Scottish partisan on a public links in mid-summer, but the effort was made slightly more bearable for Sandy Lyle yesterday by the fact *that one million dollars* lay at the end of the road.

Lyle was one of the earliest away in the opening round of Panasonic's $1m Las Vegas invitational event. As he walked through the lobby of his hotel long before daybreak en route to the practice ground, bleary-eyed punters were still rattling slot *machines as they had been all night.* In this desert city of sin, sex and suckers, hope springs eternal for more people than golfers.

Still, it was down to the hard business of adding to his own dollar pile the hard way, as a well-known British actor is fond of telling Americans in a television commercial, "by earning it".

Lyle met the first four of the 12 amateurs with whom he will play on the three courses of Las Vegas. Desert Inn and Tropicana, and they all went of the tenth tee at the first of these participating clubs just after the sun had risen into a milky-blue sky above the surrounding cream-and-brown mountains.

A certain measure of confusion was inevitable as this monstrous marathon of a 90-hole five-day event, with its elaborate format and $171,000 dollars first prize, creaked into action.

The Las Vegas course is 7,077 yards and a par 71, Desert Inn is 7018 yards and par 72 while the Tropicana is 6481 yards and par 70, so it will be difficult, until Friday night when the cut is made to seventy leading pros, to know exactly who is the true leader.

The modern scoring system of so many under or over par will be invaluable. The even concludes with 36 holes on Las Vegas on Saturday and Sunday. Bernhard Langer, Ken Brown and Peter Oosterhis are competing.

The course are typical lush desert lay-outs, full of tricky shots over lakes and bunkers and with fairways and greens threading between the steel and concrete hotel and apartment complexes of *this bizarre* magalopolis.



Lyle: clubs at dawn

IN BRIEF

BOXING: West Germany's European light-middleweight champion, Georg Steinherr, failed to turn up to a news conference yesterday scheduled before his March 30 title defence against Emilio Sole, of Spain. Steinherr risks a fine of S fr 30,000 (about £9,600), for breaching the terms of the contract.

BOWLS: England look set to *regain* the CIS Insurance women's home international indoor championship they lost to Wales last year, after beating the defending champions yesterday. The morning match turned into a tense affair with England securing a narrow 119-116 victory. England meet Ireland today needing a win to regain the title.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES: The agreement for venues for the 1986 Games in Edinburgh was officially signed at a special ceremony in Edinburgh yesterday. The Lord Provost John Mackay, and the Labour group leader Alec Wood, of the games organising committee, met the chairman, *Kenneth Borthwick to put their* signatures on the agreement.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Leicester Polytechnic yesterday won the British Polytechnics Cup Final in their second year of existence. They beat the holders for the past two years, Leeds Polytechnic by 17-9 at Dewsbury.

SWIMMING: The triple Scottish short course champion, Linda Donnelly, has withdrawn from Scotland's team for this weekend's Speedo schools international in Wrexham. Miss Donnelly, (Holycross High, Hamilton), the 100, 200 and 400 metres freestyle champion, is recovering from a nose operation.

French tour

Paris (AFP) – The French men's hockey team will tour Pakistan for two weeks from March 31 to April 13. The seven matches include two against Pakistan, the world and Olympic champions, at Lahore on April 7 and Sahiwal on April 9.

TENNIS

Bale's late show earns a fistful of guilders

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Rotterdam

John Lloyd, the tennis circuit's answer to Clint Eastwood, had bad news and good news before breakfast yesterday. The bad news came when his wife telephoned from New York to say that she had been beaten in the showpiece climax of the women's circuit. The good news was that Lloyd's British colleague here, Stuart Bale, had made nonsense of the world rankings by beating Guy Forget 7-6; 6-2.

Bale's match began at 12.34am and ended at 1.56. At the start there were 129 spectators – plus *The Times*, the *Daily Mail* and other on-duty sundries – in a stadium that can hold 7,500. In the second set the crowd had dwindled tao 20 or so. The smallest noises aquired echoing emphasis. "The only people there," Bale said, "must haves been too *drunk to get home.*"

It says much about Bale, that, back at the hotel, he consulted his coach, Bob Brett, about whether it would be more considerate to take a shower or a bath. Bale was concerned about the noise. He did not want to disturb his room-mate, Tom Cain. After a few hours of fitful sleep (he was still "wound up") Bale called his mother and teased her by discussing the match at length without telling her – until the instant before he hung up – who had won it.

Bale's Wimbledon experiences, plus the example of the Swede's, have taught him to control his excitement after a good win and to discipline his emotions in readiness for the next match (that will be against Tomas Smid). A similar *maturity was evident when he was* playing Forget, especially during the formidably difficult first set. Forget served for that set at 5-4 and had a set point in the 18-point tie-break.

Bale, aged 21, had a ranking that was flirting with the 300-mark when he came here and qualified for the main event. Forget, a year younger, ranks 34th. Both are left-handed. The Frenchman is a tall, broad-shouldered natural athlete with a big service and versatile, punishing groundstrokes, particularly on the forehand. *He is not at his fittest and* yesterday he seldom served flat out. In any case Bale usually had a good idea when an where the sporadic bombs would land.

The admirable feature of Bale's performance was the mental and technical resilience with which he soaked up everything Forget threw at him, which was plenty, and emerged as the sounder, tougher competitor. Bale kept the ball "on the island", as he puts it, and often startled Forget with boldly ferocious top-spun backhands. Frustrated, Forget became worried and sometimes untidy. Bale had broken him. For this the most highly-ranked player he *has ever beaten*, Bale will earn about £3,500 – his biggest payday.

The triumph of a postman's son from London was no more remarkable than that of an architect's son from Heidleberg, Boris Becker, aged 17, who beat Vitas Gerulaitis 6-2, 6-4, 7-6. Gerulaitis served for the match three times but lacked the authority to go to the net. Stefan Edberg, who ruptured an abdominal muscle in Brussels last week, was beaten by Francisco Gonzalez. Edberg scratched from the doubles. Ramesh Krishnan, who was not moving well, lost to the advancing Jakob Hlasek, aged 20.

First round: P Cash (Aus) bt K Warwick (Aus) 6-1, 7-5; F Gonzalez (Par) bt S Edberg (Swe) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; B Becker bt V Gerulaitis (US) 6-2, 4-6, 7-6; S Bale (GB) bt G Forget (Fr) 7-6, 6-2.

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Sports Commentary



David Miller

A declaration of intent against all racial discrimination has been made by 108 sporting bodies in South Africa under the auspices of the South African Sports Federation and the South African Olympic and National Games Federation. If upheld, and implemented, this policy, announced in London yesterday by the South Africa Sports Office, could in time produce an obligation among international sports organisations to readmit South Africa.

Much will depend on the extent of co-operation, not by white sports bodies, but by the black and Coloured groups at club level and among school. Bishop Desmond Tutu, of Johannesburg, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, is quoted as saying that the declaration is "a realization of responsibility to the people of this country."

It was important that yesterday's press conference – attended inevitably by many political rather than sports journalists and heckled from the pavement outside by anti-apartheid protesters, who were supported in principle, did they but realize it, by almost everyone inside – should include two non-white speakers. It ought to be evident to South Africa that their sporting case will become internationally coherent only when it is represented in the main by argument from non-whites rather than the traditional Afrikaner white.

No accusation of prejudice, however, could be levelled at Eddie Barlow, the director of the South African Sports Office in London, whose frankness on the major problems remaining in his country, and the difficulties of implementing the declaration, revealed a refreshing difference from the pious cant which can be heard from some professed white reformists.

The most significant statement came from Edward Setshedi, executive member of the National Olympic Committee and vice-president of the South African Athletic Union, who stressed that the declaration was fully supported by his fellow blacks and confirmed the view which the political left will not accept: that the black South African sports people will gladly accept freedom in sport first, unconditional upon wider political freedom.

The inhibiting group areas, separate aminities and liquor acts no longer apply to sport. The declaration is dedicated to non-racial sport; equal opportunities; uplift and improvement from school to internationsl level; integrated coaching; creation of sport complexes; academic and other incentive schemes for sportsmen; and monitoring of the effect of the declaration.

Dr Willie Hoods, the president of the Nafional Interim School Sports Committee, said there was a positive reaction from all moderate Coloured teachers, even if there had been a negative attitude from the South African Council of Sport, whod slogan remains: No Normal Sport in an Abnormal Society. "If we can deliver, people will accept." Dr Hoods said. "Reform is accelerating."

Setshedi and Barlow stressed that the declaration was not an application for internationsl readmission but was aimed at improving the lot of the people. Yet it will undoubtedly strengthen legal claims against the International Athletics Federation for readmission on the grounds of non-contravention of the IAAF's own rules.

CRICKET

Australians travel light on experience and heavy with expectation

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

No fewer than 12 of the Australian players chosen to come here this summer will be making their first full tour of England. At any time that would be an unusually high proportion, and one to indicate a regeneration.

In an age when we seem to be meeting the same old players year in and year out, it will be splendidly interesting to see so many new faces. I am inclined to think, though, that it might have been a stronger side for the inclusion of such older ones as Yallop, Hughes and Hogg. These are the three most notable omissions.

Of the eight bowlers, only Alderman and Lawson have any international experience to speak of. The three spinners, Matthews (off breaks), Bennett (slow, orthodox left arm) and Holland (leg breaks), the faster McDermott and McCurdy, and the all-rounder, O'Donnell, have taken only 31 Test wickets between them, 19 of those on a crumbling pitch in Sydney. On ordinarily good pitches there should be plenty of runs for England's batsmen.

Having said that, McDermott, who is only 19, has a reputation for being able to bowl much faster than he did in the recent Victorian tournament, by when he was badly in need of a rest, and the selection of the 38-year-old Holland, though unlikely to come off, is a welcome gamble.

I say it is unlikely to succeed simply because history is against it. Of Richie Benaud's 248 Test wickets only 25 were taken on his three tours of England, at 40 runs apiece. In 51 Test matches since the war, Australian leg spinners in England have taken 64 wickets at a cost of 45 runs each. The last to come, O'Keeffe, took three wickets in three Test matches for 305 runs.

Even if McDermott should become, one day, another Lillee, Australia's spearhead this time will be the combustible Lawson. Hogg's uncertain fitness probably counted against him, which will please England's batsmen. The same goes for Rackemann.

Like England, Australia are better off for promising batsmen than likely bowlers. Nothing illustrates this better than the fact that Kerr and Jones, whose unbroken partnership of 158 swept them to victory over England before 80,000 people under the Melbourne lights a month ago, are both left out.

Goodness knows what odds one might have got at the time against that happening. Smith, though injury prone, may also consider himself unlucky not to be coming. He is from New South Wales, and he has a lot of talent.

Since scoring 103 not out in his first Test match, against England at the Oval in 1981, Wellham has hardly been heard of. Now, when he can scarcely have expected it, he has been brought back. Still only 26, he has just led New South Wales to the Sheffield Shield, though Border's vice-captain this summer will be Hilditch, whose 70 and 113 at Melbourne in December helped Australia turn the tide against Lloyd's West Indians in the winter.

Border will be looking to Wood and Wessels to be his most reliable batsman. After scoring a century in the Centenary Test at Lord's in 1980, Wood had a disappointing tour in 1981, but he is undoubtedly a useful player. Wessels, of Orange Free State, Transvaal, Western Province, Sussex and Queensland, made 98, 70, 90, 0 and 173 in his last five innings against West Indies.

Ritchie and Matthews both won Esso scholarships to England, Ritchie with Middlesex in 1982 and Matthews with Worcestershire in 1983. They both played in the second XI championship, Matthews with more success than Ritchie.

Boon is a Tasmanian, the first to have been chosen for Australia as a specialist batsman. For many years a Tasmanian's best chance of playing for Australia was to move to the mainland, which Ted McDonald and C L Badcock both did. But since 1977 they have been a force in their own right in the Sheffield Shield.

So, the old order changeth, yielding place to new. Among those who chose this Australian side were Greg Chappell and Rick McCosker. It is not, as Australian sides go, an imposing one, but neither are England strong. Between them they could have a close and exciting series. Australia's first match will be at Arundel on May 5 against Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI; their first first-class match is against Somerset at Taunton on the following Wednesday.

Tour party

A Border (Queensland, captain), A Hilditch (South Australia, vice-captain), T Alderman (Western Australia), M Bennett (New South Wales), D Boon (Tasmania), B Holland (New South Wales), G Lawson (New South Wales), R McCurdy (South Australia), C McDermott (Queensland), G Matthews (New South Wales), S O'Donnell (Victoria), W Phillips (South Australia), G Ritchie (Queensland), S Rixon (New South Wales), D Wellham (New South Wales), K Wessels (Queensland), G Wood (Western Australia).





Fast rising stars: Australia pin their hopes on McDermott (left) and McCurdy

BADMINTON



Winning way: Steve Baddeley at Wembley yesterday (Photograph: Frank Baron)

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RUGBY UNION

Melville back with a reduced load

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The restoration of Nigel Melville at scrum half is the only change England make in the team that will try to prevent Ireland winning the triple crown in Dublin on March 30. Melville, capped for the first time against Australia last November, replaces Harding, the Bristol player who has appeared in England's two wins and draw this year.

It is an entirely predictable move, though there was an argument for leaving Melville's elevation until May, when England tour New Zealand. His history of injury is such that it might have been better for him to play out the club season with Wasps, regaining confidence in his knees (the subject of much hospital attention), then contest the England position away from the limelight of the five nations championship.

The captaincy remains with Dodge, though it was Melville who led England against Australia. That reduce the load on the scrum half's shoulders, as does the fact that England have done modestly well in the championship this season and are not in desperate search of an individual to try to lift them from the bottom of the table.

Harding has been unable to make the most of an unexpected international opportunity. A sound club player, his weaknesses have been exposed at the top level and he now disappears from the England party. That will be scant comfort for Hill, the Bath scrum half, who has seen Harding overtake him this season at divisional and national level, and now watches him go the other way, leaving Hill as a replacement still when his swifter service might have made him Andrew's partner in the last three games.

Melville, aged 24, who has captained England at schools, under 23, B and senior level, was a member of England's squad as far back as 1979. Since then he has endured with remarkable fortitude a series of injuries to ankles, neck and knees; the latest strained knee fibres he received playing against London Scottish in December. He intends to play for Wasps against Orrell on Saturday, when his colleague, Stringer, plays his first game (for Wasps' third team) since being injured playing for England against Romania in January. Ireland's players have been asked not to play for their clubs this weekend; instead, they will work out at Lansdown Road on Sunday. The request has meant the postponement of a Munster Senior Cup first-round tie and an Ulster Senior Cup quarter-final because Cork Constitution (Munster) and Ards (Ulster) had two players in the Irish squad.

ENGLAND: C R Martin (Bath), S T Smith (Wasps), K G Simms (Cambridge), P W Dodge (Leicester), R Underwood (Leicester), C R Andrew (Nottingham), N D Melville (Wasps), P J Blakeway (Gloucester), S E Brain (Coventry), G S Pearce (Northampton), J P Hall (Bath), J Orwin (Gloucester), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), D H Cooke (Harlequins), R Hesford (Bristol). Replacements: G H Davies (Wasps), S Barnes (Bristol), R J Hill (Bath), A Sheppard (Bristol), A Simpson (Sale), M C Teague (Gloucester).

● The Welsh Rugby Union have cancelled Wales's training on Monday to give the players a break in the build-up to the match with France in Paris on March 30. The players will be given a chance to recover from Saturday's programme, which includes Welsh Cup semi-finals.

Mills fails to regain place

The England hooker, Steve Mills, has failed in his challenge for a place in Gloucester's team to play Bath in the John Player Special Cup semi-final on Saturday. The club's selectors keep faith with Kevin White, who has made the position his own since Mills injured his neck playing for England against Australia in November.

Gloucester's captain, John Orwin, the England lock, is unavailable because he has been ordered to play for the RAF. His place is taken by Dick Burn.

Mal Malik, the Coventry club captain, again stands in for Dick Travers in Saturday's semi-final, against London Welsh at Coundon Road. Travers has recovered from the head injury which kept him out of last Sunday's match against Harlequins, but the Army want him for the match against the RAF.

Clive Rees, London Welsh's former international wing, has recovered from a groin strain and plays, as do their stand-off, Colyn Price, and lock Ted Lewis after injury.

GOLF

Garner defies logic

By Mitchell Platts

Maureen Garner "borrowed" a shot out of the Ballesteros textbook of escapology to enable herself and her partner, Linda Bayman, to complete a level-par round of 73 and take the halfway lead in the Avia Watches foursomes championship in bitterly cold conditions at the Berkshire yesterday.

Mrs Garner, who won the title with Mrs Bayman in 1980, faced what appeared to be an impossible shot, from 45 yards behind the green at the short 10th, but she played a superb recovery so that the partnership escaped with a four.

The pity was that the shot was necessary in the first place since Mrs Bayman had struck a marvellous two iron from the tee. "It's the best two iron I've hit in ages," Mrs Bayman said. "But once the ball hit the green it hurtled on as if it was travelling down the M1."

In fact a number of partnerships came to grief on the frozen putting surfaces.

By the time the partnership reached the 16th, the frost had come out of the greens and Mrs Garner then demonstrated her putting prowess by holing a downhill monster of 30 feet to gather their fourth birdie of the round.

It gave Mrs Garner and Mrs Bayman an aggregate of 149 and a two-stroke lead over Jill Thornhill and Jillian Nicolson, the winners in 1983, who also took 73. Mrs Thornhill, the Curtis Cup golfer, would especially like to win as she does not intend competing next year, when she will take over as an administrator.

LEADING SCORES: 149 L Bayman (Berkshire) and J Garner (Portstewart) 151 J Thornhill (Walton Heath) and J Nicolson (Worplesdon). 156 A Uzielli (Berkshire) and E Boatman (Colchester); Thomas (Pennard) and M Rawlings M (Bargoed). 157 M McKenna (Donabate) and B Robertson (Dunaverty); N McCormack (Porters Park) and P Johnson (Pyle and Kenfig); C Caldwell (Sunningdale) and L Simpson (Truro).

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IN BRIEF

McGuigan's good news

Santiago del Rio, the manager of the World Boxing Association featherweight champion, Eusebio Pedroza, said yesterday in Panama that there was "a 90 per cent chance" a contract would be signed next week for Pedroza to meet Barry McGuigan of Ireland in a world title bout this summer in London.

Señor del Rio confirmed that he and Pedroza will be at the ringside for McGuigan's European title defence against Farid Gallouze on Tuesday.

ICE HOCKEY: five of the eight teams taking part in the World Group B championships starting in Fribourg, Switzerland today, have serious hopes of becoming the sole country to earn promotion to Group A. The hosts, Switzerland will face stiff opposition from Italy, Norway, Austria and Poland.

FOOTBALL: The Brazilian footballer, Zico, questioned by a magistrate yesterday on charges that he had amassed untaxed income abroad, denied he had done anything wrong. Zico is charged with contravening Italian currency laws by having 30 per cent of his advertising royalties paid to a London-based company.

GOLF: Linda Raper, aged 26, will become the first woman club manager in England when she takes over the 1,200-member Moor Allerton Club, Leeds, on April 1. A former translator who speaks six languages, she has worked for the club for the last 18 months as sales and promotion manager.

WATER POLO: Jeremy Birmingham, of London Polytechnic, will captain the England team for the home international tournament, which is being revived after a 14 year break. It will be at Middlesbrough on March 29 and 30 and will be used to select the Great Britain senior squad for the European championships in Sofia in August.

ENGLAND SQUAD: J Birmingham, C Carter and P Gilham (London University), M Beverley (Southport), D Leach, S Radwanski, M Shepherd (Sutton and Cheam), M Blankscop, G Simons (Hammersmith Penguin); A Buckley (Birkenhead), R Detko (Lancaster), P Elson, C Povey (Nova Centurion).

SKIING

Victory by Hess adds spice to the finale

Park City, Utah (AFP) – Last year's women's World Cup holder, Erika Hess, of Switzerland, won her first slalom of the season on a treacherous piste here. Only 14 of the 59 starters successfully negotiated the two legs of the event and completed the course. Miss Hess's victory means the winner of this year's slalom World Cup will not be known until after the final event of the season at Heavenly Valley, California, tomorrow, when any one of several competitors could secure the title.

Michela Figini, of Switzerland, is however winning the overall World Cup. She leads her team colleague Brigitte Oertli by 42 points in the standings, with two races remaining.

Miss Hess, fourth after the first section, performed brilliantly on the tricky second leg to win by just 12 hundredths of a second from Perrine Pelen, of France, and 19 Hundredths from Italy's Maria-Rosa Quario.

SLALOM RESULTS: 1, E Hess (Switz) 1min 17.30 sec; 2, P Pelen (Fr) 1:17.42; 3, M-R Quario (Ita) 1:17.49; 4, M Tiulka (Pol) 1:18.22; 5, I Leditzberger (Austria) 1:19.22; 6, C Schmidhauser (Switz) 1:19.47; 7, M Epple (WG) 1:19.76; 8, M Aaltio (Swe) 1:20.12; 9, E Twardokens (US) 1:21.86; 10, T Haecher (WG) 1:22.09; 11, A Zavadav (Yug) 1:22.58; 12, A Livran (US) 1:22.98; 13, H Gowes (US) 1:25.02; 14, H Dahlgren (US) 1:27.82.

WORLD CUP OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, M Gigina (Switz), 258 pts; 2, B Oertlis (Switz), 217; 3, M Walliser (Switz), 197; 4, O Charvatous (Czech), 174; 5, M Klent (WG), 168; 6, E Kirchler (Austria), 156; 7, Hess, 155; 8, T McKinney (US), 139; 9, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 105; 10, Epple, 106; 11, V Schneider (Switz), 105; 12, Haas (Switz), 104; 13, Pelen, 98; 14, C Guignard (Fr), 97; 15, Twardokens, 89.

SLALOM STANDINGS: 1, Hess, 87 pts; 2, McKinney, 82; 3, Pelen, 80; 4, Quario, 75; 5, Epple, 67; 6, Guignard, 65; 7, Charvatous, 62; 8, P Magore (It) and B Gadient (Switz) 60.

Skating style in the balance

Oslo (Reuter) – The International Ski Federation (FIS) is to discuss prohibiting the new "skating" style which has disrupted Nordic skiing events this season. Measures are to be considered by FIS's Nordic committee in Zurich on April 14 and at the FIS congress. The meetings will discuss the introduction of zones in which the "Sitonen step" was forbidden during the later stages of the World Cup. The move was widely condemned as unworkable.

In Lahti last month, team trainers threatened to demolish banks of snow on the edge of the track intended to prevent skating. Several races were disqualified for skating in the forbidden zones in Oslo and some teams threatened to boycott the races.

Castleford and Oldham invest in a bright future

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY
Keith Macklin

The past month has been an anxious one for the directors and staff of the two clubs, Castleford and Oldham, who have gone deeply into debt in a brave attempt to haul their clubs into the forefront of professional sport. Tired of being saddled with the allotment-and-potting-shed image of so many Rugby League grounds, Oldham and Castleford are determined that their stadia will compare with the best in the country in any sport.

The new Oldham lights at Watersheddings received an immediate accolade. A senior lighting director from Granada Television described the Oldham floodlights as "better than 90 per cent of Football League clubs". A week later the Castleford lights failed during their inaugural game, a televised match against Hull Kingston Rovers. To everyone's relief, the fault lay not with the lights, but with the Yorkshire Electricity Board.

In both boardrooms the atmosphere after the inaugural games was a mixture of hope, optimism and uncertainty. The decisions to instal floodlighting at a cost of more than £10,000 had come only after much appraisal, argument and changes of mind. The Rugby League helped with loans to both clubs, directors dipped yet again into their own pockets, and public appeals were launched.

The two clubs have taken a major gamble. Martin Greenway, the Oldham director in charge of the lights, said: "It's a risk, but one we had to take. The old lights were 20 years old, and continuing to repair them was throwing good money after bad. They were old-fashioned and expensive to maintain. With the new lights we can attract television coverage, and television coverage attracts sponsorship. The installation of the lights will in the long term help us to strengthen the team.

At Castleford Charles Davison said: "We are determined to be a forward-looking club. We want Castleford to be known for something other than being the birthplace of Henry Moore. It will be a struggle to repay the loans, but with help from the League, local business and industry, and particularly from our fans, we can make it and make Castleford a top-class club in every respect."

● Last week's comments on the increasing incidence of high tackles has brought a letter from Dr S T Lunt, of Hessle in East Yorkshire, who for 27 years was medical adviser to Hull Kingston Rovers. Dr Lunt said the stiff-arm tackle can result in the offender mistiming the foul tackle and breaking his own forearm. So, says Dr Lunt, "the offence is committed these days with a straight arm in front, hitting the opponent with a clenched fist, and frequently the elbow is used. This is a formidable weapon and resistant to damage".

Dr Lunt expressed the opinion that the illegal use of the elbow or straight arm in a tackle should bring instant dismissal. In addition, the offending player should be kept out of the game for the same length of time as his victim.

Dr Lunt added: "It is high time that the nutcrackers had the squeeze put on them".

Limited extensions

Although the Rugby League management committee yesterday agreed to extend the season, the extensions are minimal, amounting to two days in the first division and a week in the second (Keith Macklan writes). This allows for at least one more game to be fitted in by first division clubs and a minimum of two by second division clubs.

Explaining the meagre extension in the first division, the League's public reations officer, David Howes, said: "We cannot give any more for the simple reason that the first round of the premiership is due to start on Saturday, April 27." An extension to the season has become inevitable because of the backlog of fixtures caused by bad weather and cup replays.

Wigan have made a surprise choice in their team to play Hull Kingston Rovers in the Challenge Cup semi-final at Elland Road, Leeds, on Saturday. With their international winger, Phil Ford, cup-tied, they have given a wing place to the experienced utility player, Brian Juliff.

The joint coach Colin Clarke, said: "We believe this is the best team for this particular match. It will be very tight and Brian's experience and hard tackling will be an asset."

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Basketball Association (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 116, Philadelphia 76ers 89; Dallas Mavericks 96, San Antonio Spurs 89; Houston Rockets 106, Chicago Bulls 100; Milwaukee Bucks 130, New Jersey Nets 111; Atlanta Hawks 103, Washington Bullets 97; Los Angeles Lakers, 130, Phoenix Suns 112; Portland Trail Blazers 143, Detroit Pistons 123.

GRENOBLE: European Cup Winners' Cup: Final: FC Barcelona (Sp) 77, Znaigirs Kaunas (USSR) 73.

BOWLS

HARTLEPOOL: Prudential National Indoor championships: Triples: first round: Folkestone 23, Iris 13; Dartford 20, Bletchley 17; Worthing Pavilion 9, Preston (Brighton) 21; Donyatt Rimister 14, Cambridge Park 11; Wessbecut 10, Ely 26; Plymouth 12, Athertey, (Southampton) 14; Vernon Turner 10, Wrainbrough 15; Torbay 10, Wey Valley Guildford 27; York 8, Bost 19; Essex County 14; Chesnunt 15. Second round: Wallingborough 16, Wey Valley, Guildford 13; Clewvedon 7, Paddington 17; Cumbria 22, Donyatt, Ilminster 12; Folkestone 12, Dartford 31, 22; Preston (Brighton) 11, Stanley 21; Ely 8, Athertey (Southampton) 21; Boston 6, Rugby 24; Harlepool 23, Essex County 12, Third round: Desyborough 12, Cumbria 13; Diss 9, Harlepool 26; Stanley 20, Croydon 12.

GLASGOW: CIS Insurance women's home international indoor championships: England 115, Scotland 100 (England skips first): E Legan 22, J Frank 16, N Shaw 18, N MacDougall 12; M Stedcastle 17, F Whyte 24; C Wessler 27, G McMahon 11; T Barton 13, M Munroe 14; I Molyneaux 19, C Peacock 23, England 119 Wales 116 (English skips first): N Shaw 18, M Jones 18; T Barton 25, E Thomas 8; C Wessler 13, J Davies 26; I Molyneaux 18, M Pomeroy 23; M Steele 34, L Nicholas 16; E Logan 13, S Oliver 25.

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CYCLING

ANDORRA LA VELLA: Catalan week race, second stage (125 miles from Vic) (Spanish unless stated): 1, P Anderson (Aus) 5hr 49min 7sec; 2, E Cantoux (Fr) 5:49.06; 3, F Yanez 4, J Racio; 5, P Munoz same time; 6, J L Laguia 5:49.28; 7, P Rodriguez (Col); 8, V Belda; 9, J R Alegro; 10, P Winnen (Neth) same time. Leading overall standings (after second stage): 1, Racio 6hr 18min 14sec; 2, Anderson 6:18.16; 3, Yanez 6:18.27; 4, Munoz 6:18.35; 5, 6:18.16; 3, Yanez 6:18.27; 4, Munoz 6:18.35; 5, E Cantoux (Fr) 6:18.37; 6, I Gaston 6:18.45; 7, A Pino same time; 8, Belda 6:18.46; 9, Winnen same time; 10, B Viller 6:18.48.

FOOTBALL

ALBANIAN LEAGUE: Nansori 1, Partizani 1; Labinoti 0, Vllaznia 0; Naftetari 1, Traktori 1; Tomori 0, Flamurtari 0; Besellidhja 1, Luftetari 0; Lokomotiva 1, Dynamo 1; Bass 2, Skanderbeu 2. Leading positions: 1, Nansori, 26pts, 2, Dynamo, Vllaznia and Luftetari, 19.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Feyenoord 2, Roda JC Kerkrade 1. Cup: Third round replays: PSV Eindhoven 2, Ajax 0; MVV Maastricht 2, Excelsior 0; Helmond Sport 3, Nac Breda 3 (aet; Helmond won on penalties): Den Bosch 6, Twente Enschede 3.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Strasbourg 1, Rouen 1. Memorial match (for Joaquim Agostino): Paris Saint-Germain 1, Sporting Lisbon 3.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Mönchengladbach 0, Hamburg 1.

OTHER MATCH: Red Star Belgrade 1, Guatemala 1.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: KentUnder-18 36, Sussex Under-18 7, Kent Under-16 4, Sussex Under-16 23.

RUGBY LEAGUE

DEWSBURY: British Polytechnics C

MOTOR SPORT

Ford build extending ladder to the top

By John Blunsden

The most comprehensive motor sport programme undertaken by Ford was announced in London yesterday by Stuart Turner, the company's director director of European motor sports. Extending assistance to from the novice dirver to the Formula One engine being developed in collaboration with Cosworth Engineeringm it embraces saloon car and single seater Formula Ford racing, rally cross and rallying at national and international level and support material for clubs, including films, videos, instruction manuals and performance cars.

In building what he described as his "ladder of opportunity" for competitors, Mr Turner has laid special emphasis on competition versions of the Fiesta XR2, the Escort RS Turbo and RS 1600i and the Sierra XR4ti, a three-door model with a turbocharged 2.3-litre engine developed specifically for the United States market.

The Sierra, one of which will be driven in the Trimoco-RAC saloon car championship by Andy Rouse, who was champion in 1983 and 1984,is intended to fill a gap pending the homologation of the Sierra RS Cosworth, which was announced at the recent Geneva Show but will not be in production before the autumn.

The highlight of the Formula Ford programme will be a 25-car FF1600 Race of Champions, bringing together national champions from throughout the world for a race in support of the British Grand Prix at Silverstone in July.

The company's world championship rally contender, the RS200, will enter production in May and works cars will be competing in the Lombard-RAC Rally in November. Ford of Germany will be announcing a separate but integrated motor sports programme shortly and the identity of the Formula One team to receive the first of the Ford Cosworth turbocharged grand prix engines will be revealed later this year.

IN BRIEF

Lloyd loses to Jordan

New York (Reuter) – Chris Lloyd was surprisingly beaten in a three-set first round match by Kathy Jordan, also of the United States, in the Virginia Slims tournament here. Miss Jordan, whose previous victories against Mrs Lloyd were on grass at Wimbledon in 1983 and Eastbourne in 1984, put out the world's second-ranked player 6-2, 1-6, 6-2.

The tournament, which ends the year-long series, finishes on Sunday with a best-of-five-set final, unique in women's tennis.

CRICKET: Carlsberg, whose British base is in Northampton, are to sponsor Northampton CCC in a deal worth £20,000 over the next three years.

GOLF: The insurance brokers, Bowring, and the city of Birmingham are combining to sponsor a £20,000 women's professional tournament. The 72 holes Bowring Birmingham Ladies Classic, with a first prize of £2,500, will be played at the Pype Hayes Course, Sutton Coldfield, from June 19-22.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday v Manchester United; Liverpool v Stoke (7.0). Second division: Wolverhampton v Sunderland (7.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham v Swansea (2.0); Norwich v Charlton (2.0); West Ham v Crystal Palace.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Hendon; Dulwich Hamlet v Bishop's Stortford; Tooting and Mitcham v Enfield and Enfield. First division: Basildon v Farnborough (7.45); Bromley v St Albans; Hampton v Lewes; Harlow v Wokingham (7.45). Second division, South: Rustlip Manor v Feltham. Second division, North: Ware v Leyton. Hitachi Cup: third round replay: Harrow v Leyton Wingate.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dallow Cup, semi-final first legs: Fisher v Basingstoke

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton v South Liverpool.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT: Inter-Service championships (Officers' Club Ground, Aldershot, 2.30).

RUBGY LEAGUE

SECOND DIVISION: Runcorn v Doncaster (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Yonex All-England Open Championships (Wembley Arena)

GOLF: Mixed foursomes (Berkshire CC)

REAL TENNIS: Amateur Singles (Queens Club, West Kensington)

SNOOKER: Guinness World Cup (Bournemouth International Centre)

SNOW REPORT

The following reports have been supplied by a tourist board:

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of piste	°C
AUSTRIA				
Alpbach	10	75	-	-4
Brand	45	150	-	-4
Kitzbuhel	25	150	-	-7
Mayrhofen	10	90	-	-3
Obergurgl	45	180	-	-6
Saalbach	20	100	-	-7
Seefeld	30	120	-	-8
St Anton	30	330	-	-10
Seefeld	30	50	-	-10
Soll	30	60	-	-7
ITALY				
Bardonecchia	40	120	-	-
Bormio	10	180	-	-
Cervinia	100	350	-	-
Courmayeur	160	385	-	-
Livigno	60	170	-	-
Macugnaga	80	140	-	-
Madesimo	120	220	-	-
Saure d'Oulx	30	65	-	-

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: Upper, middle runs and lower slopes, runs complete, hard-packed snow. Vertical runs: 1,800 ft. Hill roads: very difficult because of drifting snow. Main roads, clear. Snow level: 1,500 ft. Glenshee: Upper runs, some complete. New snow with icy patches. Lower slopes, very little new snow with icy patches. Vertical runs: 1,000 ft. Hill roads: clear. Main roads clear. Snow level: 2,000 ft. Glencoe: Upper runs, some complete, hard-packed snow on a hard base. Lower slopes, limited nursery areas, very little snow. Vertical runs: 900 ft. Hill roads: clear. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,300 ft. Lecher: Upper and middle runs, complete, hard-packed snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas of hard-packed snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700 ft. Hill roads: clear. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000 ft.

RACING: CAUTHEN SET FOR A FLYING START WITH THREE WINNERS AT DONCASTER

Poquito Queen to reign on opening day of new season

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Barry Hills appears to have found the ideal opportunity for his good hitherto luckless filly Poquito Queen to win the first race of her career on the opening day of the new Flat season at Doncaster today before, it is hoped going on to do better things later in the year.

The Peden International Stakes, run over a mile and a quarter, is for four-year-olds and upwards who have never won. Even if he had tried himself, Hills could not have designed a race to suit Poquito Queen better. Last season she finished second over this distance in the Musidora Stakes at York before being promoted to third place in the Oaks on the disqualification of Out of Shot.

Sadly, the Epsom fillies, classic was to be her last race of the season because not long afterwards it transpired that she had chipped a bone in one of her knees. Now the word from Lambourn is that the operation which that injury necessitated appears to have been a complete success judged on the sparkling wasy she has been striding up the Farringdon Road gallops of late. Having seen Poquitoi Queen looking outstandingly well in her box on Tuesday evening I have no hesitation in napping her to open her account this afternoon in the belief that a short-priced winner is better than a long-priced loser.

Her stable and travelling companion Seismic Wave, who also looked a picture of health and vitality, runs in the Doncaster Mile which Hills won a year ago with Spanish Place. However, the feeling abides that Seismic Wave, who ran well in two classic trials over 10 furlongs last season and also in the French Derby, could easily be vulnerable over a mile when challenged by a horse with the proven pace of Kalim, who was nippy enough to be placed in the Guineas trial at Salisbury, the Free Handicap and the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot.

George Robinson, our Newmarket Correspondent, expects a good effort from Northern Pride, the only three-year-old in the field. Apparently, Michael Jarvis's colt will then be aimed at the Italian 2,000 Guineas if he does well today. However, I prefer Kalim at these weights.

Jimmy FitzGerald, still understandably on a high after his great triumph in the Cheltenham Gold Cup with Forgive 'n Forget, is hopeful that Meikleour and San Fermin will run well in their respective races. Both are fit after a spell of hurdling. My feeling is that San Fermin should certainly give Steve Cauthen a good ride in the Leger Way Handicap, but that Meikleour may be hard pressed to give 7lb to Red Duster in the Bertie Bassett Handicap. My selection showed himself to be in form when winning over hurdles at Carlise earlier this month and he is by no means badly treated with 8st 3lb to carry.



Kalim, owned by the Aga Khan, is a fancied contender for the Doncaster Mile.

At Towcester Veleso looks a good bet to win the Louise Stockdale Challenge Cup Handicap Chase even with a 7lb penalty. When he was successful at Chepstow early this month Jeff King's even-year-old ran on in a most spirited fashion to account for Co-member, Solid Rock and Cheadle Green. Since then the third and the fourth have given the form a boost by winning next time out at Lingfield and Fontwell, repsectively.

Black Magic, who was runner-up to Castle Warden at Huntingdon in February, may turn out to be more of a danger at these weights than the course specialist Leading Artist.

Velsco will be ridden by Steve Smith Eccles, whose confidence ought to be sky-high after his successes at Cheltenham. Dhofar, who was runner-up to Desert Hero in the Past and Present Hurdle at Sandown, can complete another double for Smith Eccles by taking the Piper Champagne Handicap Hurdle.

Hallo Dandy's rider dislocates shoulder

Neale Doughty, who is hoping to partner Hallo Dandy at Aintree a week on Saturday in an attempt to repeat last year's Grand National victroy, was taken to hospital yesterday after a fall at Worcester.

Doughty was unseated from Spider Kelly approaching the first flight of division one of the Pitcheroft Novices' Hurdle. He went to hospital for an X-ray on his shoulder which was found to be dislocated.

With a marathon ten-race programme, backers got off on the right foot when Parish Rigged, the 2-1 favourite, won in resounding style in the first of four divisions of the St Barnabas Novices' Chase.

Hywel Davies jumped Parish Rigged into the lead at the seventh fence and, putting in some splendid leaps, the seven-year-old made the rest of the running to come home 25 lengths clear of Big Brown Bear, who was three lengths ahead of Bolt the Gate.

Only nine of the 17 runners completed the course. Tim Forster trains Parish Rigged for Somon Sainsbury and has now won with all that owner's horses this season.

After his victory Forster had a relevant comment on the ten-race programme. He said he felt Worcester was bearing the brunt because other courses were not prepared to share the load. "Two and a half mile all-aged novice chases are obviously in demand, and the next one will not be until Towcester on Easter Monday," he pointed out.

The Clerk of the Course, Hugo Bevan, said: "We had nine races on the corresponding day last year and I shall seriously have to consider revising next year's programme."

Saunson Boy, a 16-1 shot, landed the first division of the Portland Walk Selling Hurdle by a short head from Dinadan, Chris Warren made a fine recovery on the runner-up at the second last flight, where Dinadan was nearly down on his nose, and came back to cruise upsides Saunson Boy on the run-in. It looked as though Dinadan was going to score comfortably but Saunson Boy snatched the verdict nearing the line.

The stewards inquired into Warren's riding of Dinadan and accepted his explanation that he had been instructed not to hit the front too soon. If he did so and used his whip the gelding would stop. His trainer David Roderick confirmed that these were his instructions and that he was satisfied with Warren's riding.

Contradial made an impressive debut under Rules, winning division two to the St Banabas Novices' Chase by ten lengths under Stuart Shilston.

● Corals have received heavy support for Cataldi in Saturday's Lincoln Handicap and Guy Harwood's four-year-old is the new 9-1 favourite (from 12-1).

Stephenson on target

Arthur Stephenson the Bishop Auckland trainer, who has already saddled the winners of the Welsh and Scottish Nationals, will be attempting to land his first success in the Grand National at Aintree next week with Fortina's Express and Why Forget.

"I expect Ridley Lamb will ride Fortina's Express", he said after welcoming his latest winner Shiney Son, who took the Greenlaw Novices Chase at Kelso yesterday by one and a half lengths from Maggies Girl. Shiney Son, who is partly owned by Stephenson, was ridden by Lamb and took up the running three out. Brother Geoffrey, who started 15-8 favourite, was beaten three and a half lengths into third place.

DONCASTER (ITV)

(Televised: 2.30, 3.0, 3.30, 4.0)

GOING: good to soft. DRAW ADVANTAGE: doubtful

2.30 PHILIP CORNES BROCKLESBY STAKES (2-y-o colts & geldings: £2,996: 5f) (12)

1		ABBEY ST BENET (J Honeywood) M Tompkins 8-11	B Crossley 12
2		CRONK'S QUALITY (Cronk Garages Ltd) Mrs S Swift 8-11	J Reid 9
3		DEE-TEE (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-11	T Ives 8
4		ESPANA (C Newton jnr Ltd) T Fairhurst 8-11	S Cauthen 10
5		KING OF THE SEA (D Adams) B Hobbs 8-11	G Baxter 7
6		LUCKY LAD (K Parris) A Moore 8-11	T Quinn 6
7		MONTBERGIS (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11	P Bradwell 2
8		MR JESTER (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	A Mackay 5
9		RUNAWAY (A Thamlit) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Parks 1
10		RUNNING EDGE (G Martin) M Lambert 8-11	Pat Eddery 11
11		SEQUESTRATOR (G Nunn) W Musson 8-11	- 4
12		VIRGIN PRINCE (G Beccle) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone 3

1984: Proviteo 8-11 T Ives (8-4) W O'Gorman 9 ran

5-2 Running Edge, 7-2 King Of The Sea, 4 Cronk's Quality, 7 Virgin Prince, 8 Espana, 10 Runaway, 12 Montbergis, 14 others.

Doncaster selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Running Edge. 3.0 Red Duster. 3.30 POQUITO QUEEN (nap). 4.0 Kalim. 4.30 Grange Farm Girl. 5.0 San Fermin.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 King Of The Sea. 3.0 Temple Bar. 3.30 Red Gay. 4.0 Northern Pride. 4.30 Halycon Cove. 5.0 Steel Venture.

By Michael Seely

3.0 MEIKLEOUR (nap). 4.0 Kalim. 5.0 San Fermin.

3.0 BERTIE BASSETT HANDICAP (£3,184: 1m 4f) (16)

1	011121-	ROYAL CRACKER (D) (Harlow Bros) P Brookshaw 4-9-13	A Clark	9
2	420000-	REGAL STEEL (CD) (Steel Plate & Sections Ltd) R Hollinshead 7-9-12	W Ryan 3	1
3	020420-	AXIOS (Mrs H Cambanis) B Hobbs 4-9-12	G Baxter	11
4	004140-	ESTOC (D) (Ahmad Salman) S Norton 4-9-8	J Lowe	5
5	140004-	SOCKS UP (R Johnson Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 8-9-1	D Price	2
6	330020-	KEYOPS (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 4-9-0	J Mercer	6
7	000014-	PERCASE (B)(D) (P Locke) P Cundell 6-8-12	Pat Eddery	3
8	/12311-	MEIKLEOUR (D) (Mrs A Leggat) J Fitzgerald 5-8-10	S Cauthen	7
9	000P0-	LUNE OF FORTUNE (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 5-8-10	T Ives	13
10	302200-	TEMPLE BAR (D) (Barclays Hotels Ltd) C Brittain 5-8-9	W Carson	10
11	2310111-	ARBOR LANE (D) (A Papotio) M Haynes 4-8-8	J Reid	4
12	103040-	RECORD WING (C) (Mrs P Long) D Haydn Jones 7-8-7	R Hills	8
13	00340-	RED DUSTER (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 5-8-3	M Birch	12
14	100/00-	STARGAZE (B) (P Smith) M Chapman 5-7-13	R Fox	15
15	000000-	TURKOMAN (B) (D Sasse) D Sasse 6-7-9	D McKay	16
16	/00000-	MOUNTAINEER (C Booth) J Leigh 6-7-7	-	14

1984: Regal Steel 8-7-12 W Ryan (12-1) R Hollinshead 16 ran

11-4 Meikleour, 100-30 Regal Steel, 9-2 Percase, 6 Axios, 8 Royal Cracker, 10 Temple Bar, 12 Estoc, 14 Record Wing, 16 others.

FORM: ROYAL CRACKER (8–11) beat Al Nasr (8–7) 2½l at Folkestone (1m 4f, £1,134, firm, Aug 21, 8 ran). REGAL STEEL, unplaced Doncaster final start, earlier (8–11) 12½l 5th of 9 to Centoline (8–8) at same track (1m 6f, £15,942, good to soft, Sept 12). AXIOS, unplaced Newbury Oct. earlier (8–0) 2½l 2nd of 6 to Hamilton (9–0) (1m 3f, 1,313, good, Sep 24). SOCKS UP (12–0) 5½l 4th of 15 o Ra Nova (11–3) at Lingfield (1m 2f, £2,091, heavy, Oct 29). PERCASE (9–2) 5½l 4th of 13 to Park Parade (8–10) at Leicester (1m 4f, £3,052, good to firm, Oct 22), with TEMPLE BAR (8–13) 10th. TEMPLE BAR, earlier, (8–2) 1l 2nd of 9 to First Bout (7–13) at Doncaster (1m 4f, £3,200, good to soft, Sep 14). ARBOR LANE (8–5) beat Watter Dragon (7–11) 2½l at Chepstow (1m 4f, £2,677, soft, Oct 22, 16 ran).
Selection: TEMPLE BAR.

3.30 PEDEN INTERNATIONAL STAKES (£3,537: 1m 2f 50yd) (25)

1	03200-	ARGES (J McCaughey) R Hollinshead 4-9-0	S Parks	1
2	000/	ARROGANCE (G Deckers) C A Bell 5-9-0	A McGlone	7
3		BALKASH (C Armstrong) R Stubbs 4-9-0	-	11
4	333400-	BIG LAND (B) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-0	A Mackay	8
5	222302-	BORODINO (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 4-9-0	-	21
6	200/00-	FAITHFUL DON (P S B Racing) G Balding 6-9-0	J Williams	14
7	000030-	KING OF NAPLES (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	13
8	200003-	METELLIN (B Hannon) G Hunter 4-9-0	K Hodgson	9
9		MIGHTY SUPREMO (J Mitchell) R Stubbs 4-9-0	G Brown 7	15
10		NASHWOOD (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 4-9-0	A Murray	23
11	403230-	NOBLE MOUNT (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-9-0	J Reid	25
12	200/00-	PERSHING (Mrs M Booth) J Leigh 4-9-0	T Ives	16
13	0000/0-	RAGABURY (R Jafar) R Fisher 5-9-0	M Birch	5
14	00-	THE CLOWN (G Calvert) M Haughton 4-9-0	G Starkey	12
15	242300-	TIVTAN (Lady Mashaw) Mrs C Reavey 5-9-0	N Day	4
16	024000-	TROMEROS (Mrs J Paris) Denys Smith 4-9-0	M Fry	26
20	9-	VALEDICTOR (Anglo Enterprises SA) A Jarvis 4-9-0	T Rogers	24
21		ARBATINA (Commundata Ltd) M Chapman 5-8-11	R Fox	20
22		CELESTIAL STORM (Mrs M Pitt) J Bolger (Ire) 4-8-11	D Gillespie	19
23	032420-	FISHPOND (A Simpson) R Holder 4-8-11	W Carson	10
24	4/00-	MILLANE (T Hancock) M Jarvis 4-8-11	W R Swinburn	6
25	0/40-	PARADISE ISLAND (S Threadwell) C Brittain 4-8-11	P Robinson	17
26	423-	POQUITO QUEEN R Clay) B Hills 4-8-11	S Cauthen	3
27	040000-	QUALITAIR PRINCESS (Qualitair Engineering) K Stone 4-8-11	Paul Eddery	22
28	0/0003-	RED GAY (D McIntyre) R Sheather 4-8-11	R Cochrane	18
29	0-	TURARI (B Hager) C Benstead 4-8-11	S Rouse	2

1-2 Poquito Queen, 6 Celestial Storm, 10 Fishpond, 12 Borodino, King Of Naples, 14 Tivtan.

FORM: BORDINO (8–4) 1½l 2nd of 7 to Borushka (8–8) at Leicester (1m 4f, £1,364, good to firm, July 16). TIVITAN, unplaced Brighton July, earlier (8–2) 5½l 3rd of 11 to Wagoner (9–8) at Newmarket (1m 6f, £3,194, good to soft, June 1). FISHPOND, unplaced Folkestone Oct. earlier (8–11) head 2nd (9 to Flying Tenderfoot (8–11) at Ban (1m 3f, £2,761, good, Oct 8), with TROMEROS (8–5) about 4l away 5th POQUITO QUEEN (9–0) about 3l 4th promised to 3rd behind Circus Plume (8–0) at Epsom (1m 4f, £12,040, good, June 9).
Selection: POQUITO QUEEN.

4.0 DONCASTER MILE (£8,694: 1m) (9)

1	201011-	KING OF CLUBS (D) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-4	Pat Eddery	5
2	001102-	MR MEEKA (C) (Mrs S Brook) S Norton 4-9-2	J Lowe	6
3	2/1320-	BOLD CONNECTION (E Addison) M Ryan 5-8-13	P Robinson	9
4	030104-	CORN STREET (M Wildin) J Bosley 7-8-13	W R Swinburn	7
5	403342-	KALIM (HH Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-13	S Cauthen	3
6	000212-	MILK HEART (E Holding) G Lewis 5-8-13	J Mercer	8
8		SEATTLE EXPRESS (W Campbell) W Hastings-Bass 4-8-13	T Ives	4
9	1/4300-	SEISMIC WAVE (R Sangster) B Hills 4-8-13	B Thomson	2
11	331d2-	NORTHERN PRIDE (K Fisher) M Jarvis 3-7-10	M L Thomas	1

1984: Spanish Place 4-8-13 S cauthen (11-4 fav) B Hills 10 ran

11-4 Kalim, 3 King Of Clubs, 4 Mr Meeka, 6 Milk Heart, 7 Seismic Wave, 8 Northern Pride, 14 Bold Connection, 20 others.

FORM: KING OF CLUBS (8–9) 6l winner of Italian group 2 event from My Jewellery's (8–9) (San Siro, 8f, £16,470, heavy, Oct 20, 10 ran). MR MEEKA (9–10) ranoe well when ¼l 2nd of 12 to Mel's Choice (7–7) at Ayr (7f, £5,748, soft, Sep 22). BOLD CONNECTION (10–0) 5½l 5th of 7 to Sheer Gold (9–3) at The Curragh (1m 4f, £5,450, firm, June 30). KALIM (8–4) 5l 2nd of 5 to Bob Back (8–5) at Goodwood (1m 2f, £9,068, good, Sep 17). MILK HEART (9–1) 1l 2nd of 10 to Polly's Brother (9–7) here (6f, £5,581, soft, Nov 10). SEISMIC WAVE (8th (8–11) to Native Charmer (8–11) last time, previously (8–2) 5½l 7th to Darshaan in Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly (1m 4f, £82,508, soft, June 3, 17 ran), before that SEISMIC WAVE (8–12) under 1l 3rd to Trial By Error (8–12) at Chester, when KALIM (8–12) was 2l further back in 5th having been blocked in his run (1m 2f, £13,784, good to firm, May 10, 8 ran). NORTHERN PRIDE (8–11) 2½l 2nd of 7 to Will Dander (8–11) in group 1 event at San Siro (8f, £22,837 good to firm, Oct 14).
Selection: KALIM.

4.30 BATTHYANY HANDICAP 3-y-o: £2,427: 5f) (11)

1	132040-	INDIAN FLOWER (D) (J Ross) P Brookshaw 9-7	B Rouse	3
2	211230-	TAME AFFAIR (D) (J Tremain) R Stubbs 8-7	M Bescroft	11
5	232213-	HALCYON COVE (D) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 8-8	A Bond	10
6	104023-	TIMEWASTER (D) (Mrs C Williams) J Berry 8-5	C Dwyer	1
7	400-	SHADE RIVER (T Ellis) P Haslam 8-4	G Starkey	7
8	00403-	GRANGE FARM GIRL (R Bebee) R Hollinshead 8-0	W Ryan 3	1
9	030-000	SILK IMP (Mrs N Collins) P Mitchell 8-0	A McGlone	2
10	00304-	ABLE MAYBOB (A Crawford) G Gaines 7-11	A Mackay	9
11	023000-	HOKUSAN (G Steinberg) K Ivory 7-7	J Lowe	6
12	02400-	EDNA LAWN (W Wharton) W Wharton 7-7	R Fox	5
13	900113-	LEAN STREAK (B) (C Mahoney) R Simpson 7-7	K Radcliffe 7	8

1984: You Love Me 7-6 W Ryan (14-1) R Hollinshead 7 ran

7-2 Timewester, 9-2 Halcyon Cove, 6 Hokusan, 7 Grange Farm girl, 8 Tame Affair, Silk Imp, 10 Indian Flower, 12 Lean Streak, Edna Lawn, 16 others.

FORM: INDIANA FLOWER (8–8) 12½l 6th to Melody Part (8–8) at Ayr (5f, £10509, good to soft, Swept 20, 6 ran). TAME AFFAIR (8–5) 15½l last of 5 behind Lobbit (9–5) at Thirsk (6f, £2863, good to soft, Aug 4). HALCYON COVE (8–3) 2½l 3rd to Brace Gait (8–6) at Warwick 7st, £3412, firm, July 28, 8 ran). TIMEWASTER (7–11) 2½l 3rd to Al Sylah (9–7) at Reydock (6f, £3306, good, Oct 6, 12 ran). GRANGE FARM GIRL (8–11) 1l 3rd to Prince Darius (9–0) at Doncaster (6f, £1015, soft, Nov 8, 22 ran). ABLE MAYBOB (8–0) 4½l 4th to Bay Presto 7–0) at Catterick (5f, £2306, good to soft, Oct 20, 11 ran). HOKUSAN (7–13) 5½l 6th to Homing Boy (8–13) at Newbury (5f, £3486, good, Sept 22, 7 ran). LEAN STREAK (8–6) ¾l 3rd to Sally O'Brien (8–11) at Nottingham (8f £1091, good, Oct 29, 22 ran).
Selection: GRANGE FARM GIRL.

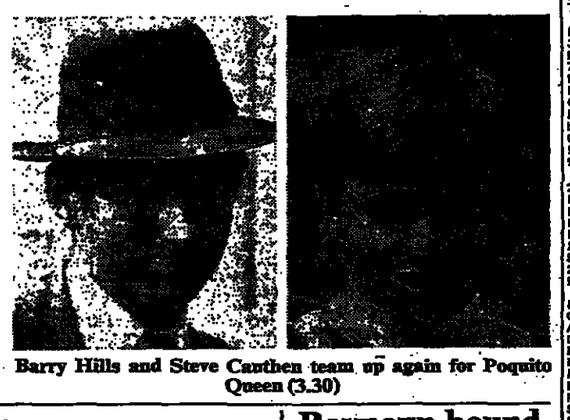
5.0 LEGER WAY HANDICAP (£2,012: 1m 2f 50yd) (30)

1	0/0000-	MENNEA (C Nimmo) A Jarvis 6-10-0	T Jarvis 5	5
2	030102-	MILL PLANTATION (E Moller) G Wragg 5-9-13	Pat Eddery	30
4	204100-	STEEL VENTURE (B)(C) (A Maycock) M Ryan 6-9-5	P Robinson	11
5	000000-	CONMAYJO (J Gibbs) D Hayde Jones 4-9-0	S Parks	29
6	140031-	SPRING PURSUIT (Mrs J McColl) P Makin 4-9-0	T Quinn	12
8	323311-	SAN FERMIN (B Riley) J Fitzgerald 6-8-13	S Cauthen	25
9	000002-	MUSIC WONDER (E Carnell) R Hodges 4-8-13	J Mercer	7
12	/00000-	CATCHER IN THE RYE (T Stratton-Smith) D Arbuthnot 5-8-10	M Hills	15
13	0/1000-	BEAU LAD (J Gallagher) P Richon 4-8-9	M Birch	22
14	000003-	BOLDERA (E Stockdale) D Chapman 4-8-9	-	14
15	400/00-	ATITHASSOS (J Brooks) T M Jones 4-8-7	G Baxter	8
16	341000-	SEA REPPIN (D Vinson) J Leigh 5-8-6	Paul Eddery	13
17	211000-	SINDOS (R Padmore) R Hollinshead 4-8-6	W Ryan 3	9
18	02/003-	SKI RUN (P Wigham) P Wigham 10-8-5	-	17
19	00/010-	ARROW BEAK (Mrs W Fine) W Musson 4-8-5	R Sidebottom	23
20	030030/	LAMLASH (C) (A Mitchell) T Bulgin 6-8-4	-	19
21	010000-	PRONUPTIA BRIDE (E Young) D Dale 4-8-4	R Lines 5	27
22	000000-	NORFOLK FLIGHT (G Tuttle) M Tompkins 8-8-4	C Rutter 7	28
23	044400-	MARROMESSE (J Meadows) R Voorspuy 4-8-4	J Reid	16
24	000040-	DON'T ANNOY ME (Europrint Promotions) R Whitaker 5-8-3	J H Brown 5	24
25	000042-	DICK KNIGHT (A Bailey) A Bailey 4-8-2	D Fowler-Wright 7	6
26	042000-	FAIR MARINER (Mrs G Riley) S Wiles 5-8-2	R Cochrane	4
27	000000-	BUCKMINSTER BOY (C) (W Wharton) W Wharton 4-8-1	J Quinn 7	10
28	0000-	SWIFTSPENDER (P Rohan) P Rohan 4-8-1	J Quinn 7	10
30	212330-	C B M GIRL (R Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 4-8-0	E Johnson	29
31	000/0-	NORTH A LOT (B) (P Sexton) M Chapman 4-7-12	M L Thomas	26
32	/30000-	WALHAN (Mrs K Knott) M Eddey 5-7-11	T Williams 3	2
33	402222-	HALL'S PRINCE (E Butler) G Balding 4-7-10	R Fox	21
35	0000-	ADMIRABLE (L Ward) C Brittain 4-7-9	W Carson	1
36	/00000-	ESTEEM (D Chapman) D Chapman 5-7-7	-	18

1984: no corresponding race

9-2 San Fermin, 6 Mill Plantation, 7 Sindos, Walhan, 10 Spring Pursuit, Dick Knight, 12 Arrow Beak, Steel Venture, 14 Pronupta Bride, Music Wonder, See Reppin, 16 others.

FORM: MILL PLANTATION (8–7) 2l 2nd of 10 to Daren Star (8–8) at Haydock 9½f 3f, £6576, soft, Oct 27). SAN FERMIN (7–9 1½) Ayr Winner from Harry Hastings (9–0) (1m 3f, £7227, soft, Sept 22, 12 ran). SINDOS never dangerous final start over 6f, earlier (8–2) head Ripon winner from Barden (9–4) (1m 2f, £2012, good to firm, Aug 27, 11 ran). DICK KNIGHT (7–11) 2½l 2nd of 17 to Nova Huta (9–5 at Redcar (6f, £1,887, good to firm, Oct 16). ARROW BEAK (8–0) mid-div trouble in running and was beaten another 3½l in 7th, previous ARROW BEAK (8–13) by 4l in Goodwood Seller (1m 2f, £1548, good to soft, Oct 2, 18 ran).
Selection: ARROW BEAK



Barry Hills and Steve Cauthen team up again for Poquito Queen (3.30)

Results from Kelso's meeting

Going: Soft (hurdles); good to soft (chase)

2.15 (2m hdle) 1. JIM THORPE (D Coakley, 9-4) 2. Jontavi (R Earnshaw, 10-11 fav); 3. The Builder (T G Dun, 16-1). Also Ran: 14 Burtrannock House (4th), Moorlighorg, 20 Secret Walk, Tara's Performance (5th), Lemon Squash, Dragonese, 33 Easter Brig, London Blitz (bd), 50 Aqua Verde (6th), Derek's Boy, Colsface, Tudor Dream (Ft), Grange of Glory, Master Richie. NR: Whistling Shelter. 17 ran. 8l, 3l, 8l, 8l, 1l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £3.60; £3.00, £1.10, £1.80 DF: £3.30. CSF: £4.55.

2.48 (2m chl 1, SHINEY SON (R Lamb, 8-1); 2, Maggies Girl (C Grant, 5-1); 3, Brother Geoffrey (D Wilkinson, 15-8 fav). Also ran: 3 On Leave (4th), 15-2 Jondale (6th), 20 Lochan Corrie, 25 Mr Nash, Stanestile, 33 Rebbing Star (5th), Tamson's Tipple, Cool Kit, The Howdet. 12 ran. 1¼l, 2l, 6l, 10l, 7l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £5.00; £2.60, £1.50, £1.00. DF: £8.40. CSF: £45.34

3.15 (3m chl 1, YOUGHAL (Mr J Greenall, 11-2); 2, Cheeda Chief (Mr K Anderson, 7-4); 3, Bawneen (Mr P Dennis, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Flying Ace (disq), 12 Arthur's Bell (4th), 16 West Acre, 33 Arctic Owen, Panegyrist, Pancine Derak (5th), Wardeoft. 10 ran. 3l, 10l, 12l, 25l, 1l. NR: Huntermac. Arthur Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £5.50; £2.30, £1.10, £17.80. DF: £4.30. CSF: £14.85. Flying Ace 8lb 1st, disq for carrying incorrect weight.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1. CAPTAIN CURTAIN (P Tuck, 10-1); 2, Corrielek (P A Charlton, 9-2); 3, Wise Cracker (D Coakley, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Paddy Hayton (6th), 10 Billy Toben (4th), Tasar (5th), 12 Norwhistle, 20 Rostra, 25 Rhein Land, 33 Forlorn Molly, 50 Grey Lil, Milton Lockhart, Mr Sponge, Singing Sabre (pu). NR: Brilliant Fellow, Dan the Miller. 14 ran. 6l, 1½l, 12l, hd, 21sl. R Fisher at Ulverston. TOTE: £8.60; £2.70, £2.00, £1.10 DF: £48.00. CSF: £55.28. Grey Lil withdrawn under orders.

4.15 (3m 1f hdle) 1. JOE'S FANCY (G W Gray, 4-1); 2, Pen Royal (C Grant, 11-4 fav); 3 Amaretto (M Barnes, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Pennyhill (F) 8 Teenage Love (4th) Secret Lake 12 Islander 14 Raby 16 Slave King 20 Kelso Chant (P,U) 33 Ramoa's Son Maracas Bay (6th) Victory Mom (5th) Blackadder Brig (P,U). 14 ran. NR: Larry Hill. 4l, sh hd, 3l, 15l, dist. F Liddle at Chester-le Street. TOTE: £5.10 £1.30, £2.70, £3.50. DF: £9.00. CSF: £15.52 TRICAST: £95.35.

4.45 (3m 0l) 1. PEATY SAND (Mr A Dudgeon, 5-2 fav); 2, Little Frenchman (C Pimlott, 8-1); 3, Unsophisticus Judge (Mr P Dan, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 4, Jockamitel, 6 Maggies Dare, 10 Blackhawk Star, 16 Canto, Misty Rascal, 20 Hazy Glen, 25 Vandevar, 33 Twice Times, 50 Bonnie Son. 12 ran. 8l, 3l. Mrs H Hamilton at Peebleshire. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £7.10. CSF: £17.74. Tricast: £72.02.

5.15 (2m hdle) 1. Chanel (Mr T Walford, 30-1); 2, Little Black Hornet (P Farrell, 3-1). ALSO RAN: evens fav Zotov, 16 The Cowan Thing, 20 Wod Spoiler, 25 Prudent Boy, Another Gear, Tom Pousse, Kinnews, 33 Buttonwood Bay, Candy Cone, Derw

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BIRTHS

ANDERSON, to Susan (nee Elstone) and Michael, a son, David John Nicholas. A brother for Samantha. Born March 20.

BLANEY – On March 16th 1985, at Whipps Cross Hospital to Janet (née Ansell) and David, a son, Samuel John, a brother for Sarah.

BLANNING. – On March 1 to Sheila (née Dobree) and Charles, a son, Samuel Charles.

BRISTER – On February 27th, at the London Hospital Maternity Hospital, Aldershot, to Celia and Anthony – a son (Richard Anthony John), a brother for Paul, Adrian and Gregory. With many thanks to the staff of the Special Care Baby Unit.

CARTER on 17th March at the P.A.L.W. Thames Hospital, Tywyn, Cornwall, to Elizabeth (nee Bulstrode) and David a daughter Victoria Jane Bulstrode a sister for Daniel.

DICKINSON – On March 17th at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital to Rachel (nee Tolson) and Michael, a son Samuel Caradock.

ELLETSON – on March 17th at Princess Margaret's Hospital, Swindon, Wiltshire to Alexandra (nee Marcuse) and Philip, a daughter, Laura Katherine Elizabeth.

GRAVES – On March 19th to Pat (nee Stinson) and Simon – a beautiful boy, Alexander.

GREENSLADE – On 19 March at Wessex Super Mare, to Helen (nee Hohmann) and Peter, a daughter, Amanda.

HAGGARD – on March 7th at St Mary's Paddington, to Tamara (née Salazar-Hernandez) and Melville, a son William Hugh Vernon.

HALE – On 17th March 1985, at Royal Devon and Exeter, Exeter, to Felicity (née Gallagher) and Richard, a son (Nicholas Richard).

HOLMES – on March 15th at The John Radcliffe, Oxford to Catherine (nee Stillard) and Peter, a son, Reginald Peter Stillard.

JOHNSON. – On 18 March in Brussels, to Jennifer and Stanley, a son.

NOYES-LLOYD. – To Nancy Noyes Lavrier, of West Hoxyn, Connecticut, USA, wife of Barry Lloyd, mate of The Blackfriar, EC4, on 19th March, a daughter (Christopher MacCormack Noyes-Lloyd).

SHACKLADY – On 18th March, at Ormskirk Hospital, Lancashire, to Carol (née Gilligan) and Colin, a daughter (Jennifer, Ann).

SLACK – On March 19th to Eleanor (née Dorman) and Christopher a son – Rev William, Alexander and Richard.

DEATHS

ADAMS – William Anthony, JP, aged 75 years. On March 18, peacefully at home, at 162 Oulton Cross, Stone. Sadly, Dale (Chairman of Aynsley Potters, Tunstall, Stoke on Trent), Beloved father of Christopher and Michael and grandfather of Lyndon. Funeral at Oulton Church, Stone, Staffs at 2.30 pm, Friday 22nd March. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to: The Alzheimers Society. Donations and enquiries to: Price & Stubbs, Funeral Services, High Street, Stone, Staffs. Telephone: (0785) 812555.

BAILEY – (Jim) CBE, DSC, GM and Bar, of Orford St Cross, RWR. On March 11 1985, aged 83, suddenly at his home in Cetres, Portugal. Dearly beloved husband of Joan, father of Andrew and daughter Heather, Tony and Nancy, Sadly missed and loved by all the family.

BARNETT – On March 19th 1985, suddenly, Vera, beloved wife of Peter, of Campsie Hill, Perth, and mother of Garry and Isla. Funeral private. No letters please.

BARNISH - Rev Canon John Geoffrey, beloved husband of Valerie (nee Bennett) and father of Simon and Thomas, on March 17th at home. Service at Great Witley Church, on Saturday March 23, at 2.30pm. No flowers, donations please to St Richard's Hospice, 40, Worcester Road, Droitwich.

BERRY – On March 19th, peacefully in Stirling, Emily Margaret Vivian (Meg). Funeral private but donations if wished to the Treasurer, Chelsea Barb Club, Blantyre Street, London, SW10 0EQ.

BOZMAN – On March 14, Mildred, aged 91 and still very active departed quietly to be with her Lord. Funeral service at 2 pm on Wednesday March 27 at Westerham Parish Church followed by interment at Tunbridge Wells. At her own request please no flowers but donations may be sent in her memory to United Lake Vyrnwy Home, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, Kent.

BROWN on March 18th, John Bell (Brunel at St Lulo's nursing home, Oxford in his 91st year, beloved husband of the late Helen, father of David (deceased) and of June Soper, grandfather of Peter and Jeremy, years a master at the Dragon School Oxford. Service at Oxford Crematorium at 11.30am, On Saturday March 23rd. Family flowers only.

DAW on 19 March 1985, peacefully at home at The Old School House, Waldron, East Sussex. Cortune (Daphne), aged 90, widow of Sydney Dew CBE, CSE, mother of Sydney, Karen, Anne and Christopher, grandmother and greatgrandmother. Funeral service at All Saints, Waldron, 28 March at midday. Flowers to Jarvis, Funeral Directors, High Street, Heathfield via noon, flowers, maybe phoned (04353) 2456.

EVANS – Derek Curtis Evans, MDE, on 17 March 1985. Suddenly at home. Loving husband of the late Irene and dearly loved father of Anthony and Susan (deceased). Funeral service at Woking: St John's Crematorium, Hermitage Road, on Friday 22 March at 10 am. Family flowers only.

FORSEE – Bessie, March 19th, peacefully at home. Beloved wife of John and mother of William and Timothy. Funeral at 2.30pm, 23rd March at St Mary's, Barnes. Flowers only, or if required, donations to MacMillan Unit, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

HADDOCK - Marie Frances of Glendinning, Green Lane, Ashtead, daughter of Dorothy, Francis and Denise, Peacefully in a Chichester nursing home on March 9. Family funeral has taken place Please no letters.

HUGHES – Suddenly on March 18th, Miss Lee of 99 Park Road, Camberley. Beloved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather. Requiem Mass 9.30am Friday 22nd March at St Tarcisius Church, Camberley, followed by cremation at Guildford Park Crematorium. Enquiries to Hall & Woodhouse, 1 Alma Road, Windsor, Berkshire

HULBERT-POWELL, Evelyn Charles Lacy of Old Place Farm, Binfield, Berks, suddenly on March 17th. Beloved husband of Philippa and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral at St Thomas of Canterbury, Mayfield, on Tuesday March 26th. 12am.

KELLY. On March 17th, 1985, Mary Mead, aged 84, beloved mother of Bridget and Rosemund and a loved grandmother. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Old Town, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, on Friday March 22nd at 2pm, followed by burial. Flowers to the church.

KING – On March 17th 1985, Allan Gilbert King, of Little Row, Pluckington, Newton, Suddenly, beloved husband of Kathleen, father of Perry, Sarah & Sue.

LANE – Major John Cowper, MC, F.I.C.E., aged 67, on 16th March, at Croydon. Beloved husband of Rusa. Cremation will be at Croydon Crematorium at 1 pm. on 22nd March. Family flowers only. Any enquiries to: Norwood Bros. 01-684 1667/2324.

LEWIS – On 19th March, peacefully in a London Hospital, Frank Ashcroft, aged 85 years. Husband of Sarah Ann. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday, 25th March at 10.40am. Enquiries to Garrett & Sons. Tel: 01-935 4262.

LEYE – Erica Nora (Tarzan) of 22 Woodside Road, Bexley, Peacefully at Bromley Hospital on 11 March. Sadly missed by all her family and friends.

LYLE on March 19th, John Oliver peacefully at home in his 97th year. Dearly loved husband of the late Helen, father of Timothy and Jill. Funeral private. No flowers please.

MILLER - on 14th March 1985 at Widow Cottage, The Street, Walberton-le-Walton, Sussex, Elizabeth Margaret Miller (nee Laing) M.B. Ch.B. (Aberdeen). Widow of George Miller. Funeral Service at Walberton Church, on Monday 25th March at 12 noon. F. Gutteridge and Son, Funeral Director. Tel: (0284) 4349.

RUTHERFURD, JANET AUGENCLOSS, courageous and beloved wife of Lewis and mother of Lewis, Andrew and Alexandra. In Boston, Massachusetts on March 13, 1985. A memorial mass for us always. Funeral and burial in New York City at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02118. C/o Dr Emil Frei, Director.

TUCKER - on Monday 18 March 1985 peacefully at home in Ewell, Surrey, Nora aged 87 years beloved widow of Lance. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Tolworth on Monday 25th March at 2pm, followed by interment at Buckinghigh Church. Enquiries to F. W. & S. G. Hallett, F.D.s. Tel: Guns Bridge 2828.

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COXWELL-ROGERS – A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Major General Norman Aylmeday Coxwell-Rogers will be held at St. Michael's Church, Dowdeswell, Gloucestershire at 3.00p.m. on Wednesday, March 27th.

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25, 8.55 and 9.18; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news with Debbie Rix at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, teenage report from Zoe Brown; Glynn Christian's kitchen advice; and Richard Smith's 'phone-in surgery.

9.20 Ceefax. 10.30 **Play School,** presented by Carol Leader (r) 10.50 **Ceefax.**

12.30 News After Noon with Frances Coverdale and Moira Stuart. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles)

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes the first of the six finalists in this year's 'Youth Caring Awards' - a Merseyside project to integrate mentally handicapped chidren into the community. Plus, Antony Hopkins reviews the life of Bach. 1.45 **Bagpuss.**

2.00 International Snooker. David Icke introduces coverage of the game between England B and the Rest of the World in the first round of the Guinness World Cup 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 Play School, presented by Chloe Ashcroft with guest, Stuart Bradley 4.10 **The Family–Ness.** Adventures of a family of monsters who live in a Scottish loch.

4.15 Jackanory. Rosemary Leach with part four of Uninvited Ghosts, by Penelope Lively 4.25 **Yogi Bear** (r) 4.35 **Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds.** Cartoon series 4.55 **Newsround** with Paul McDowell.

5.05 Blue Peter. Three super-fit people in a monumental test of strength and stamina, all in a charitable cause (Ceefax.

5.35 Dr Kildare. Part three of a serial about the strain imposed on the hospital staff responsible for allocating time on a kidney machine (r)

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 EastEnders. This evening's episode introduces a young unmarried couple who live together in No 43. (Ceefax).

7.30 Top of the Pops introduced by Mike Read and Steve Wright.

8.00 Only Fools and Horses. Del, for a considerable consideration, agrees to look after a friend's dog while the owner is on holiday. (Ceefax).

8.30 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont is joined by Terry Butcher and Elio de Angelis; Emlyn Hughes by Mel Lattaney and Gareth Davies (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville. Weather.

9.25 The Budget. David Steel for the Liberal/SDP Alliance.

9.35 I Woke Up One Morning. Episode one of a six-part series, written by Carla Lane, that traces the lives of four men who have taken refuge in alcohol. Starring Michael Angelis, Peter Caffrey, Robert Gillespie and Frederick Jaeger.

10.05 Question Time with Donald MacCormick. The panel is Rosalind Gilmore, Anne Sofer and MPs. Leon Brittan and Michael Meacher.

11.05 Rockschool. Advice for the budding rock musician (r).

11.30 Night Court. The final programme of the series about a young and unorthodox night court judge. Tonight he has to rule in the case of an Army veteran who disappeared while on active service but then returned to find that his wife had remarried.

11.55 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.16, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.22; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.19; a discussion on motorcycle visors at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Loyd Grossman in Cardiff at 8.15; wedding catering advice at 8.22; film review at 8.40; safety advice for young children at 9.03. The guests include Hank Wangford and Eric Sykes.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 **For Schools:** the final episode of A Game of Soldiers, a drama set in the Falklands. 9.48 Maths: patterns. 10.06 Different aspects of the Dutch countryside. 10.23 The function of the bloodstream in the human body. 10.40 Evolution. 11.02 Maths: the number nine. 11.14 Safety in the home. 11.31 Things that puzzle children 11.43 The world of computers.

12.00 The Little Green Man. Adventures of a visitor from another planet. With the voice of Jon Pertwee 12.10 **Mooncat** and Co with guest, Patsy Rowlands 12.30 **The Sullivans.**

1.00 News at One and weather 1.20 **Thames news** with Robin Houston 1.30 **Falcon Crest.**

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a topical matter 3.00 **Gems.** Drama serial set in the Covent Garden workshops of a fashion design company 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 The Little Green Man. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15 **Batfink** tackles Beanstalk Jack 4.20 **Scooty,** with Matthew Corbett and Bernie Clifton 4.40 **Words, Words, Words.** Educational entertainment 5.00 **Dangermouse** in a search for a missing stately home.

5.15 Blockbusters.

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.30 Thames Sport presented by Steve Rider. Footballer Mike Channon looks forward to Sunday's Milk Cup Final between Sunderland and Norwich; Derek Thompson previews the flat racing season which began this afternoon at Doncaster; and Steve Rider meets the first Cockney Snooker Classic champion.

7.00 Whose Baby? Nanette Newman, Henry Cooper and Barry Cryer try to find out the famous parent or parents of a succession of children. Bernie Winters is the chairman.

7.30 Street Hawk. Jesse Mach, plus his super-bike, are on the trail of a detective and his prisoner he is returning to the West Coast to face robbery charges.

8.30 Minder: Whose Wife is it Anyway? Terry is put in charge of an antiques shop while the owner is in hospital recovering from a beating-up (r).

9.30 TV Eye: Front Line Police. A report on the changing role of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

10.00 News at Ten and weather.

10.30 Budget 85. David Steel for the Liberal/SDP Alliance.

10.40 Kojak. The discovery of a young woman, killed by strangulation, arouses fears in the New York policeman that a psychopath, responsible for the deaths of seven women in a similar manner two years earlier, may again be on the loose.

11.40 Looks Familiar. Denis Norden and his guests, Nigel Davenport, Fulton Mackay and Alfred Marks, remember the stars of the Thirties and Forties.

12.25 Night Thoughts.



Jack Klaff in Nagging Doubt (Channel 4, 9.30pm)

● **NAGGING DOUBT** (Channel 4, 9.30pm). Jack Klaff's *mélange* about the 1960 Sharpeville massacre in South Africa, has one body and 17 voices. All belong to Mr Klaff. To call it a one-man show is taking the easy way out. It is tantamount to saying that Emlyn Williams was putting on a one-man show when, as Dickens, he filled his stage with characters. What might be a better way to convey something of the complexity of Mr Klaff's astonishing achievement is to say that he rents out his body to 17 other people who queue up behind his eyes to view the events leading up to and away from Sharpeville, and voice their thoughts. One minute, the witness is the white liberal journalist Eric Lovell. The next, it is his wife, or schoolboy son, or Hendrik Verwoerd, or any one of the three black leaders, Sobukwe, Luthuli and Mandela, or Harold Macmillan, or the miner humiliated by the nation's pass laws, or the policeman opening fire on the peaceful demonstrators. And when Mr Klaff is not being inhabited by other people, he is turning himself into the radio set that lowers the social backdrops on the ghastly drama that is being acted out on centre-stage. *Nagging Doubt* is directed by Roger Graef, a specialist in the *vérité* documentary. Clearly, he and Mr Klaff are on the same emotional wavelength.

● **THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE,** Robyn Wallis's trilogy about the sad tricks played by, and on, deceivers and deceived in the marriage game, ends tonight (BBC 2, 9.30pm). One way or another, husbands have weaved their way in and out of Miss Wallis's very revealing films, but tonight, the platform is all theirs. One of them a sporting writer with four failed marriages behind him, looks to the sporting world for analogies. He likens his failure record to the whitewash in last year's England v West Indies Test series and, with Ascot in the background, sub-divides wives into two classes, sprinters and stayers. The other two husbands also resort to recreational similies. One represents wives and mistresses as two spinning plates ("if you don't run fast enough, you'll break both of them"). The other finds acultery a "great sport", with a tonic effect on all three parties. He is French, which might, or might not, explain the phenomenon.

Peter Davalle

CHOICE

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: Maths: Tutor-marked Assignments. 6.55 Science: Spreading Oceans. Ends at 7.20.

9.00 Ceefax.

9.20 Daytime on Two: German conversation. 9.38 French conversation. 9.55 Spanish conversation. 10.12 Science: stiff shapes A. 10.34 A new teacher wants a class to have democracy. But do they want it? 11.05 How people cope with volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. 11.30 Industry in Wales. 11.55 Lesson four of a better tennis course.

12.20 Part four of the series tracing the evolution of women's magazines. 12.45 **Ceefax.** 12.55 Using a classroom computer. 1.20 Italian conversation. 1.38 A field in Scotland during the four seasons 2.00 For the very young. 2.15 The musical story of Hary Janos. 2.40 Sheelagh Gibley with news of next year's electronic Domesday survey (Ceefax). 3.00 **Ceefax.**

3.50 International Snooker. A Guinness World Cup match between England B and the Rest of the World.

5.25 News summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 The Show Me Show (r).

6.00 Film: The Great Lover* (1949) starring Bob Hope and Rhonda Fleming. Hope stars as Freddie Hunter, leader of a group of boy scout types, crossing the Atlantic on a liner. Hunter finds it difficult to live up the high ideals of the young men in his charge when he becomes mixed up with a glamorous Duchess and a card sharp.

7.15 International Snooker. A Guinness World Cup match between Canada and All Ireland.

7.50 Ours to Keep. The story of the Rev David Wyatt's fight to save Manchester's remaining Victorian churches.

8.30 Out of Court. The story of Tessa Wright, adopted and living in Australia, who, because she is prevented by law from tracing her parents, asked Out of Court to help.

9.00 Yes Minister. Jim Hacker leads a delegation to a Persian Gulf country where Sir Humphrey helps his minister through the minefield of Third World politics (r) (Ceefax).

9.30 Forty Minutes: The Eternal Triangle. Three men talk frankly about their marriages and the other women in their lives. (See Choice).

10.10 International Snooker. Further coverage of the Canada/All Ireland match in the Guinness World Cup.

10.50 The Budget. David Steel on behalf of the Liberal/SDP Alliance.

11.00 Newsnight. 11.45 **Weather.**

11.50 Animation Now. Two United States-made films – Opens Wednesday and Closed Mondays.

12.05 Open University: Weekend Outlook. 12.10 Education: a Place for Play. 12.35 Women and Sport. Ends at 1.05.

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Channel Four Racing from Doncaster. The opening day of the flat racing season. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the Philip Cornes Brocklesby Stakes (2.30); the Bertie Bassett Handicap (3.00); the Peden International Stakes (3.30) and the Doncaster Mile (4.00).

4.15 Countdown. Richard Whiteley introduces the grand final of the series.

5.00 Film: Divide and Conquer* (1943) The Americans at War series continues with the third of the Why We Fight collection of propaganda films that were shown to the United States' armed forces. The film shows the brutal Nazi occupation of Denmark and Norway; the conquests of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands; the fall of France and the British retreat from Dunkirk. Directed by Frank Capra.

6.05 Film: Report from the Aleutians (1943) A propaganda film made by John Huston about the lives and bombing missions of United States troops based on the remote Aleutian island of Adak.

7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons. Andrew Manderstam reports from the United States on the battle between cities to land General Motors' new factory.

7.50 Comment from Kate Ashbrook, secretary of the Open Spaces Society. Weather.

8.00 Discovery, presented by David Bellamy and Miranda Robertson, investigate the arguments among scientists about whether or not Darwin's theory of evolution is correct.

8.30 Mirror Image. The first of a new series reflecting the attitudes and motivation of performers through their music and conversation. This programme features Tears For Fears in concert at the Hammersmith Odeon in London.

9.30 Nagging Doubt. A one-man drama, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of the Sharpville massacre, in which white South African writer and performer, Jack Klaff, recreates the tragic events through the eyes of 17 characters, all played by Klaff. (See Choice).

10.30 Design Matters. Part three of the series examining the way our surroundings affect our lives explores the problems of corporate identity.

11.00 Just Like Mohicans, by Trix Worrell. The prize-winning play from the competition open to new writers from Britain's black and Asian communities. The play is set on a Bonfire Night and is the story of a black youth with a conflict of loyalties when he and his two white friends break into a house that turns out to be owned by an elderly black woman.

11.45 Dadarama. The Gulf.

11.55 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave, † also denotes VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.

6.30 Today, incl. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.20 Letters. 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 *Riding With The Boys.* Pages from the album of Margaret 'Tim' Harrison. With Carole Boyd † (r).

9.30 The Living World.

10.00 News; Medicine Now. Geoff Watts on the health of medical care.

11.30 Morning Story: 'Time and Tide' by Esme Boul. Reader: Angela Barlow.

10.45 Daily Service (from Chapel of Unity, Belfast).†

11.00 News; Travel; Analysis. Liverpool v Whitehall. The clash over council spending (r).

11.48 History Reflected. Famous people and famous events evoked in prose and poetry – 'The Spanish Armanda'. With John Carroll.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Pattie Coldwell with news and advice for consumers

12.27 Just a minute, with Kenneth Williams and company. 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes a selection of poems written and read by pupils from middle schools taking part in the Schools Poetry Carnival. Also, the second instalment of The Private World of Georgette Heyer.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: After the Funeral, by Alun Owen. With John Shrapnel, Glyn Houston, Tony Haygarth and Elizabeth Estensen. Dramatic events at a funeral tea, when a grandson turns up. †The sequel, Widowers, can be heard next week.

4.00 News; Enquire Within with Neil Landor.

4.10 Bookshelf. With Hunter Davies.

4.40 Story Time: 'Jennings in Particular' by Anthony Buckeridge (3). Read by the author.

5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'clock News; incl. Financial Report.

6.30 Brain of Britain 1985 (new series). Round one: London. Competing tonight are William Joseph (courier), Marcussia Richardson (housewife), Geoffrey Block (former political adviser), and Bob Collier (a civil servant). In the Chair: Robert Robinson (r).

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Any Answers? Listeners comment on Any Questions?

7.40 International assignment.

8.10 Hi-Tech (new series). Alun Lewis reports on the latest technological developments.

8.40 Profile. Roy Close, director-general of the British Institute of Management.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? A magazine of special interest to disabled listeners.

9.30 John Edson in the BBC Sound Archives.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on the Amazonian exhibition at the museum of Mankind, and on the Bach tercentenary.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'The Rich Mrs Robinson' by Winfield Beechney (4) Read by Pauline Letts. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) – Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55–6.00am Weather; Travel. 9.05–10.45 For Schools: 9.05 A Service for Schools 9.25 Secondary English (11-14) 9.50 First Steps in Drama. 10.10 Playtime. 10.25 In Your Own Time. 11.00–12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Noticeboard. 11.15 In the News. 11.30 Wavelength. 1.55–3.00 For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 The Music Box. 2.20 Living Language 2.40 Newscast. 5.50–5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study On 4: The State of the Vatican. 11.30–12.00 Open University: Education for Adults: Paulo Freire. 12.30–1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Making Work. 12.30 Bosses Can Be Difficult. 12.50 On the Fiddle.

Radio 3

6.55 Morning Concert: Bach's Suite No 4 in D (English Concert under Pinnock); Mozart's A Little jig in G, K 574 (Demus, fortepiano); Beethoven's String Quartet in C Op 59 No 3 (Busch Quartet).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd.): Debussy's Nocturnes (Ambrosian Chorus/LSO under Previn); Delius's Walk to the Paradise Garden, arranged Beecham (LPO under Handley); Kodaly's Dances from Galanta (Philharmonia Hungarica under Dorati).† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composers: William Schuman and Virgil Thomson. The former's *In Praise of Shahn* (Canticle for Orchestra) played by New York PO under Bernstein; and the latter's String Quartet No 2 (Juilliard String Quartet), and *Feast of Love* (Clatworth, baritone, and Eastman-Rochester Orchestra under Hanson).

10.00 Schubert: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, under Marriner, play the Symphony No 2.†

10.30 Beethoven: Nash Ensemble play the Septet in E flat Op 20.†

11.10 BBC Welsh SO (under Kasprczyk). With Ralph Kirshbaum (cello). Part one, Britten's overture The Building of the House; Elgar's Cello Concerto.†

11.45 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. With Angus McDermid.

12.05 Concert: part two. Shostakovitch's Symphony No5.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Janet Hilton (clarinet), Nicholas Logie (viola) and Keith Swallow (piano). Schumann's Marchenerzahlungen Op 132; Joachim's Hebrew Melody No 2 Op 9; Schumann's Fantasiestucke. Op 73; and Alfred Uhl's Kleines Konzert.†

2.00 Opera: Andrea Chenier. By Giordano. Sung in Italian. Riccardo Chailly conducts the National Philharmonia Orchestra. Luciano Pavarotti sings the title role. The cast also includes Leo Nucci, Monserrat Caballe, Astrid Varnay and Kathleen Kuhlmann. Acts one and two. Interval reading at 2.55. Acts three and four begin at 3.00.

4.00 Piano recital: John O'Connor plays Field's Nocturne No 4 in A; Czerny's Variations on La Ricordanza Op 33; and Schubert's Sonata in C minor, D 959.† 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Graham Fawcett's selections of recorded music.

6.30 Bandstand: Band of the Scots Guards (under Major Brian Hicks). Gordon Jacob's Suite in B flat; Vaughan William's Prelude on three Welsh Hymn Tunes; and Stuart Johnson's March Finale (Sinfonietta).†

7.00 Bach: St Matthew Passion. Sung in German. Live from Leipzig, on Bach's 300th birthday. Kurt Masur conducts the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, with soloists Edith Wiens, Julia Hamari, Peter Schreier and Theo Adams and Hermann Christian Polster. With the Gewandhaus Children's Choir and Weimar Conservatoire Choir.†

10.20 A Portrait of Coventry Patmore: with Hugh Burden in the title role. Compiled by Michael Ffinch. Bill Wallis plays Robert Browning.

10.50 Strawinsky and David Matthews: the Philharmonia (under Rattle) play Strawinsky's ballet Apollo; and Matthews's Symphony No2.†

11.57 News. Until 12.00.

VHF only: Open University. 6.35am to 6.55. Technology: Sound and Signals.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.† 1.05pm Sports Desk; David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford's Ideal Home Show (from Earls Court, London) including 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton † incl. 4.02; 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn † incl. 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 8.00 Wally Whyton (featuring Bill Monroe and the Kendalls in concert). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Impressionists. With Bobby Davro, Peter Goodwright, Clive Lea and Johnny More. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. David Lean in conversation with Marjorie Bilbow. 11.00 Brain Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† 3.00–4.00 Sal Nistico and Stan Tracey with The Stan Tracey Quartet at The Fairfield Hall, Croydon.†

Radio 1

On medium wave.† also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Mark Page incl. 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes from the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long incl. a session from The Read Guitars. 10.00–12.00am Into the Music (session from Raw Deal). VHF RADIOS 1 & 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00–4.00am With Radio 2

World Service

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1 Wales. 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales Headlines. 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Dr Kildare. 8.30-9.00 Week In Week Out. 11.55-12.00 News and weather. **Scotland.** 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 11.05-11.55 Amateur Boxing. 11.55-12.20am Rockschool. 12.20-12.25 News and weather. **Northern Ireland.** 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.35-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Dr Kildare. 11.55-12.00 News and weather. **England.** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

CHANNEL As London Except: 1.20pm News. 1.20pm Love Boat. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00 Channel Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 6.55 Home Cookery Club. 7.00-7.30 Benson. 10.34 Barnstormers. 10.40 Yellow Rose. 11.35 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Hotel. 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 5.00 Coast to Coast. 5.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 10.40 St Valentine's Day Massacre. Gangster movie, set in the 1920s, and starring George Segal and Jason Robards. 12.30am Company. Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 5.15 Gus Honeybun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30 Gardens For All 7.00-7.30 Benson 10.40-11.35 Places Apart 12.40am Postscript, Closedown

HTV As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 5.15-5.45 Different Strokes. 6.00 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 10.40 Winter Outlook. 10.45 West This Week. 11.10 Streets of San Francisco. 12.10am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.40 Wales at Six. 10.40-11.10 Wales This Week.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 Mr & Mrs 2.00-2.30 Mr Smith 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 4.00 The Little Green Man. The Shopping Exhibition. A second chance to see these adventures of a visitor from another planet (first seen at 12 noon). The narrator is Jon Pertwee. 5.15-5.45 Beverley Hillbillies* 6.00 This is your Right 6.05 Crossroads 6.30 Granada Reports 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm 10.40 Falcon Crest 11.40 Fight Night 12.35am Closedown

S4C Starts: 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Abbott and Costello. 2.00 Beth, Sut, Pam, pryd a ble?. 2.20 Flalabalam. 2.35 Hwnt ac yma. 2.55 Racing from Doncaster. 4.20 A plus 4. 4.50 Flalabalam. 5.00 Den deg. 5.10 Gwaed ar y dagrau. 5.35 Bewitched. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Ne nesa? 7.00 Newyddion saith. 7.30 Cerddad afon. 8.05 Coleg. 8.35 Awyr iach. 9.05 Fragile earth. 10.05 Film: Another Way. 12.00 Close down.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime 1.30-2.30 Poseidon Files 3.30-4.00 Orphans of the Wild 5.15-5.45 Captain Scarlet 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25 Police Six 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm 10.40 Counterpoint 11.10 Falcon Crest 12.05 News. Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 6.00 North Tonight 6.30 Police News 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Studio One 10.40 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 11.10 Barney Miller 11.40 Crann Tara 12.10 Ten Green Bottles 12.40am News, Closedown

CENTRAL As London except: 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 5.15-5.45 Different Strokes. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 10.40 Central Lobby. Debate between Lesley Abdela and Lord Harman-Nicholls on the scarcity of women in the upper house. 11.10 Protectors. 11.40 Fight Night. 12.35am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 New Avengers. 3.30-4.30 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 10.40 Studio One. 11.10 Yellow Rose. 12.10am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except starts: 9.25–9.30 North East News 1.20 North East News and Lookaround 1.30 The Champions 3.25–3.30 North East News 5.15–5.45 Dreams 6.00 North East News 6.02 Crossroads 6.25 Northern Life 7.00–7.30 Emmerdale Farm 10.40 North East News 10.42 The Works 11.20 The Yellow Rose 12.20am Hard Words for Today 12.25 Closedown

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.35 Love Boat. 3.30–4.00 Survival. 6.00 News and Scotland today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00–7.30 Teachers only. 10.40 Crime desk. 10.45 Report. 11.15 Late Call. 11.20 Positively unemployed. 11.50 Crann tara. 12.20am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Picture Show. 1.20 News. 1.30–2.30 Love Boat. 5.15–5.45 Sounds good. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00–7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 10.40 Live at City Hall. 11.10 Barney Miller. 11.40 Fight Night. 12.35am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30–2.30 Champions. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00–7.30 Tripper's Day. 10.40 Promised Land. 11.40 Musical special. 12.30am Thursday Topic. Closedown.

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Contract ban on defence buyer

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Mr Peter Levene, Whitehall's new £95,000-a-year Chief of Defence Procurement, has been told that he must take no part in the placing of a £200 million contract for the new MCV80 armoured personnel carrier or in any other orders involving links with his former companies.

The ban will last for a year.

Ministry of Defence officials are to be told by Sir Clive Whitmore, Permanent Secretary at the department, that Mr Levene, former chairman of United Scientific Holdings, had a financial interest in 11 named companies before his appointment this week.

It is stated that all conflict of interest must be avoided and that Mr Levene should therefore not be shown any papers relating to any contract involving any of the 11 firms.

Mr Gordon Brown, Labour MP for Dunfermline East, yesterday tabled two Commons questions to the Prime Minister, for answer today, pointing to a possible conflict of interest.

He said yesterday that United Scientific Holdings, of which Sir Frank Cooper, Sir Clive's predecessor, is the new chairman, was one of the few companies to have put in a bid for the £200 million MCV80 contract.

Meanwhile, the controversy over the terms and manner of Mr Levene's appointment continues at Westminster and in Whitehall. The Commons Select Committee on Defence took no decision yesterday on whether Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, or Mr Levene should be called to give evidence about the appointment.

It is understood that the committee and the ministry are discussing the issues involved

Mr Levene, aged 43, is being paid about twice as much as Sir Clive, his Permanent Secretary, and his £95,000 salary compares with the £51,250 paid to Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service.

The Prime Minister and other Cabinet ministers in the Commons are paid £42,980.

Car smash for engineer Prince





From Our Correspondent

The Prince of Wales, visiting the Royal Engineers yesterday, was invited to clim into the cab of a heavy earth-moving tractor (left) and smash a car specially prepared with "HRH" number-plates. He was assisted on the tractor by Sgt Gary Marchant, who said: "The Prince seemed to really enjoy smashing up the car."

His visit to the Royal School of Military Engineering at Chattenden, Kent, also included a secret briefing, away from press and public, on bomb-disposal techniques used in Northern Ireland.

The Prince met the leader of the bomb disposal team which rendered a 2,200lb wartime bomb safe in Sheffield earlier this year, and saw the bomb. He also met Regimental Sergeant Major John Phillips, who lost an arm in the unsuccessful attempt to defuse a bomb in HMS Antelope during the Falklands conflict. RSM Phillips received the Distinguished Service Cross. His partner, Staff Sergeant Jim Prescott, was killed.

The Prince watched an armoured personnel carrier getting stuck in a tank trap, saw a Gurkha engineer team building bridges and was presented with two model Royal Engineers vehicles for his sons, remarking that Prince William "will have great fun himself crushing his own Dinky toys. He's fascinated by tractors."

Tax change law due by 1987

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reserve is buttressed by some caution on the revenue side. The calculations of oil tax revenue allow for the possibility of a further slide in the oil price or a rise in sterling.

The public sector has also gained a modest £35 million a year from the changes in national insurance, which can be added to public spending programmes. The Treasury considered trying to allocate this benefit to individual departments in order to claw the money back, but abandoned the attempt as excessively complex.

The Budget makes a further shift in the emphasis in monetary policy, away from the "broad" aggregate – sterling M3, which is the longest-standing of the Government's monetary targets – towards a narrower definition of money, "MO".

Whitehall denies Star Wars dispute

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ing the recent history of the Soviet-American strategic relationship, rendering it unrecognizable to anyone who has charted its course; in mistaking the unfulfilled promise of 1972 with the reality that followed; in questioning – in a manner that is both tendentious and obliquely declaratory – the strategic defence programme of the United States."

Mr Perle thought Sir Geoffrey might have found room for a sentence, or even a phrase, on the implications of the enlarging pattern of Soviet violations of the most important arms control agreements that exist between the US and the Soviet Union. Yet on this Sir Geoffrey's speech was silent.

"In what may earn its place as the understatement of 1985 on the unrelenting build-up of Soviet nuclear forces, Sir Geoffrey observes that 'We know that historical experience has inclined them towards over-insurance'.

"I must say, I find the concept of insurance a less than persuasive description of Soviet strategic weapons programmes."

● BONN: Chancellor Kohl yesterday edged West Germany closer to outright public opposition to SDI (Frank Johnson writes).

H stopped well short of it, but his remarks, coming as they did only two days after an extremely sceptical statemmet about SDI by his Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, amounted to almost to the beginning of a West German campaign.

Bonn is well aware that it could not stop the Americans deploying SDI if the National interest dictated it. But all West German diplomacy is directed at preventing Star Wars from giving the Soviet Union the excuse to bring about the collapse of the Soviet-American arms control talks in Geneva.

"The more it is possible in Geneva to achieve drastic cuts in offencive weapons in East and West, the more it could be superfluous to deploy weapons systems in space." Herr Kohl said at the opening of the threeday conference in Essen of his Christian Democrat party.

Letter from Dhaka

Daughter of the Revolution speaks

There is no such thing on the Indian sub-continent as a definite no. So when they tell you that so-and-so is being held under house arrest, and it is impossible to meet them, it can sometimes be worth testing. Mind you, pursuit of this theory can occasionally land one in warmish water.

In Bangladesh, which is undergoing a renewed dose of martial stringency in the interests of providing the military dictator, Lieutenant-General Husain Muhammad Ershad, with democratic credentials, the leaders of the two principal opposition groups are at present confined to their houses.

Under similar circumstances in Pakistan the next-in-line leaders of the parties have been available, though technically "underground", for surreptitious interview. Here, repeated calls to the wives or husbands of fugitive politicians failed to produce the return call and the assignation to meet under the third tree on the left.

So a frontal assault on the houses in which the leaders are detained seemed a solution.

Begum Khalida Zia, the warmly attractive widow of the previous chief martial law administrator, General Zia ur-Rahman, lives in his former quarters in Dhaka cantonment. The general turned himself into a legitimized quasi-civilian president by dint of a somewhat similar referendum exercise to the one, now being undertaken by General Ershad. However, he was assassinated four years later (almost to the day), and his widow took command of the party he had created as the vehicle for his ambitions.

I was not to be allowed past the hightly polished tank which stood symbolic guard at the gate. A telephone conversation with the commander, Major Babur of the Bangladeshi military police, got me no further.

A few miles away in a middle-class ghetto, residentially dominated by Western expatriates of the diplomatic and business communities, Sheikh Hasina Wazed lives in a flat provided to her husband by his employer, the Atomic Energy Authority.

Sheikh Hasina is the daughter of Sheikh Mujib-ur Rahman, the first prime minister of the country, who led it to independence from Pakistan. He, his wife, sons and other family members, a total of 19, were assassinated in a hail of bullets in August 1975.

Sheikh Hasina was in Karlsruhe with her scientist husband at the time, and so lived. She now leads her father's old party, the Awami League, and heads a consortium of 14 other parties.

Her apartment in a small private estate, not very grand for a scion of the father of the nation, is watched over by a picket of police.

After a few minutes banter a van with some permitted relatives turns up – after all, this is supposed to be light house arrest, nothing too oppressive about the Bangladesh regime. In the confusion Sheikh Hasina comes out to greet her aunt and strolls to the street to talk to me.

No, she does not like being confined to her house. This is the third time she has been subjected to house arrest, and it has been the longest, though it falls far short of the time Benazir Bhutto, daughter of the hanged Prime Minister of Pakistan, was confined to her home in Karachi on orders of the chief martial law administrator of that country, General Zia ul-Haq.

She thinks the referendum to take place today will be a farce. Her 15-party opposition group has planned a general strike for the day.

She had no intention of taking part in the kind of elections that General Ershad had in mind for the restoration of democracy. "Why should we try to legitimize his regime?" she asked. "We want complete democracy, not the kind the general is offering".

The police are not interrupting our talk, she feels, because of the respect that everyone in this poor country has for her father. She eventually goes inside again, a sad figure in a blue sari, anxious not to get the policemen into trouble for not having stopped her from talking to me.

Michael Hamlyn

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

ELIMINATOR PUZZLE
1985 COLLINS DICTIONARIES
TIMES CROSSWORD CHAMPIONSHIP

All regional finals will begin at 2pm, and competitors qualifying may check in from 1pm onwards.

In accordance with the conditions previously published entrants who have been notified of qualification for the Championship and who have chosen the under-mentioned venues (which comprise all venues except Glasgow and Leeds) are required to attempt this eliminator puzzle and to send it with the completed form to Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championships, P.O. Box 4 Bridlington, North Humberside YO15 2EW, so that the envelope is postmarked not later than Wednesday, March 27.

The reductions to be effected are: Bristol entries to be reduced from 298 to 190; combined entries for London A & B to be reduced from 1,113 to 640.

All successful entrants for Bristol and London are strongly urged to submit their attempts even if they cannot completely solve the puzzle, since it is probable that many partly correct entries will qualify, the intention being to have as many competitors at the regional finals as can be accommodated. (Last year, competitors with half a dozen or more mistakes qualified.)

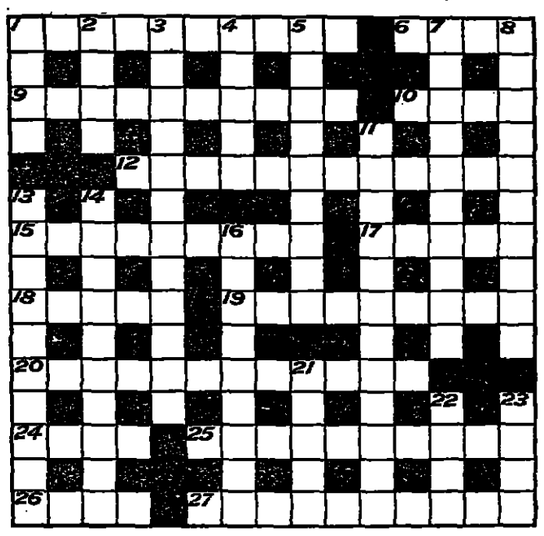
The solution will appear next Thursday and entrants will be individually informed of the result of the elimination within three weeks.

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,691



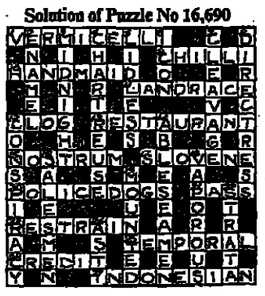
ACROSS

1 Turn the outlines into full characters (10).
6 No love in Hell's outskirts for the Devil's child (4).
9 Roman chamberlain showed up the Queen's English (10).
10 Indian's pulse evident when French author drops his gun (4).
12 Able to bear the cat family if, say, you happen to be in love with it (12).
15 Sort of phaeton as carriage for the State ruler in Egypt (9).
17 Mysterious executioner cut off his son in hate (5).
18 Nobody's child, this landlady of the Blue Dragon (5).
19 Cockneys calling the town dead assumed too much (9).
20 Become light-headed from anesthesia – or stagger about? (5,4,3).
24 Engineer with a powered cycle (4).
25 Like the Morse system adversely affected by sand (10).
26 Chief male character undergoes Shakespearian sex-change (4).
27 Not a sound characterization (10).

DOWN

1 Roman candle? (4).
2 Dancing girl embraced by Dutch painter (4).
3 It may constitute curtains for a bad striker and shirker (12).
4 Light again, missing one note as a rule (5).
5 Rock-climbing Baptist gets a ride (3,6).
7 Israel's leader? Nonsense! In this he appears crazy (3–7).
8 Railing like Lear, sad but free (10).
11 Eastern attorney's staff (6–6).
13 Emperor's daughter's cattle killed by Muslim rising outside the castle (5,5).
14 Foul-sounding method of farming the sea bed (4,6).
16 Coach company of a London linen-draper (9).
21 He shows stupidity at deserting Armstrong (5).
22 What those flying around do to this (4).
23 He holds exhibition in a house in Oxford (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,690



CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 12

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen opens the new Helen Graham House of the Young Women's Christian Association, Great Russell St, WC1, 3.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has lunch with the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Westminster City Hall, 1; and later attends a concert in Westminster Abbey given by the English Bach Festival Trust, 6.55.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society, and President, the Bach Choir, attends the Bach tercentenary concert given by the English Chamber Orchestra and the Bach Choir, Royal Albert Hall, 7.20. The Duke of Kent also attends, 7.25.

The Princess of Wales visits the Medical Research Council's Cognitive Development Unit, 17 Gordon St London, WC1, 10.30.

Princess Anne visits The Queen's Flight at Royal Air Force, Benson, Oxon, 11.20; and later as Master of the Farriers Company attends a court meeting, 4.45, followed by dinner at the Innholders' Hall 7.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester attends the Hospital Officers' Club centenary celebration, Great Hall, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, WC1, 6.15.

The Duchess of Kent lays the foundation stone of the new Phase II of St. George's Hospital, Tooting, 11.

Music

Recital for two pianos by Philip Hammond and Michael McGuffin; Tullycarnet Pavilion, Castlereagh, 8.

Bach birthday celebration – choral and orchestral works; Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, 7.30.

Bach birthday concert by the Cambridge Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra; King's College Chapel, Cambridge, 8.

Bach 300th anniversary concert by the Choir of New College, Oxford; Sheldonian Theatre, 8.

Organ recital by Christopher Tolley; Winchester College Chapel, 7.30.

Bach birthday concert by the Nottingham Baroque Virtuosi; St Peter's Church, Nottingham, 7.30.

General

Poetry reading by Peter Levi; Winchester Cathedral, 7.30–

Scottish Antiques Fair; Roxburghe Hotel, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh, 11 to 9 today and tomorrow, Sat 11 to 5 (ends March 23).

London owl survey

The London Wildlife Trust today launches a survey of tawny owls in the London area. Owl Prowl information packs are available from the London Wildlife Trust, 1 Thorpe Close, London, W10 5XL, plus 25p in stamps. A special Owl Service telephone number will be staffed Mon to Fri between 9.30 and 5.30 until June (01-670 6080).

Anniversaries

Births: Johann Sebastian Bach, Eisenbach, Germany, 1685; Henry Kirke White, poetaster, Nottingham, 1785; Benito Juarez, president of Mexico 1861-72, San Pablo Guelatao, Mexico, 1806; Albert Chevalier, music hall entertainer, London, 1861.

Deaths: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1533-56, burned at the stake, Oxford, 1556; James Ussher, archbishop of Armagh, Reigate, Surrey, 1656; Robert Southey, Keswick, Cumbria, 1843.

New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Jill, by Philip Larkin (Faber, £2.95)
Lord Malquist and Mr Moon, by Tom Stoppard (Faber, £2.95)
Sinking, Stealing, by Jan Clausen (The Women's Press, £3.95)
Vermilion Sands, by J. G. Ballard (Dent, £2.95)

NON-FICTION

Bayonets to Lhasa, by Peter Fleming, introduction by Brian Shaw (Oxford, £4.95)
Memorials to the Roman Dead, by Susan Walker (British Museum, £4.50)
The Language of Advertising, by Torben Vestergaard and Kim Schroder (Blackwell, £6.95)
The Times Book of Jumbo Crosswords, edited by Edmund Akenhead (Times Books, £2.95)
The Tolstoys, Twenty Generations of Russian History 1353-1983, By Nikolai Tolstoy (Cornet, £3.95) PH

Roads

The Midlands: A5: Roadworks are continuing on several sections of the A5 at Stretton, Weston under Lizard and also on the Tern bridge, Atcham.

Wales and West: M4: Westbound traffic on the inside lane will leave M4 at junction 22 (Severn Bridge), Gwent: and can rejoin at next junction: outside lane traffic unaffected. Only one lane open in each direction at all times between junctions 22 and 23 (B4245 Magor): delays. A37: Temporary lights between Dorchester and Yeovil. A419: Contraflow on the Stratton by-pass, Swindon.

The North: M621: Contraflow on northbound carriageway between Gildersome and Beeston, SW of Leeds. A56: One lane closed in Camsley Lane, Lymm, Cheshire for repairs to M6. A534: Resurfacing on Crewe Rd, Winterley, NE of Crewe, Cheshire.

Scotland: A86: Single line traffic with lights at Laggan Bridge, N of A889 junction, 24 hrs. A94: Temporary diversions S and N of Laurencekirk. A85: Roadworks at various locations between Invergowrie and the west side of Dundee: traffic control.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.78	1.62
Austria Sch	27.20	25.80
Belgium Fr	78.00	74.00
Canada $	1.54	1.56
Denmark Kr	13.67	13.17
Finland Mkk	8.05	7.65
France Fr	11.77	11.22
Germany DM	3.57	3.47
Greece Dr	169.00	158.00
Hong Kong $	9.25	8.55
Ireland Pt	1.25	1.19
Italy Lira	2,450.00	2,330.00
Japan Yen	307.00	291.00
Netherlands Gld	4.38	4.16
Norway Kr	11.08	10.58
Portugal Esc	210.00	198.00
South Africa Rd	2.65	2.35
Spain Pta	211.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	11.00	10.50
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.11
USA $	1.195	1.135
Yugoslavia Dnr	284.00	268.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 359.8.

London: The FT Index closed up 4.4 at 1001.9.

The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on today's meeting of the building societies, says that now that the pound appears to be recovering and the banks are cutting interest rates, it would seem to follow that the societies should reduce mortgage rates. It adds, however, that "todays meeting of the societies will hear an astonishing proposal from the giant Halifax. That rates should actually go up."

The Daily Express says that the building societies "must not raise mortgage interest rates today" and adds: Instead, their association should discuss when to bring them down."

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Continuation of Budget debate.

Lords (3): Insolvency Bill and Trustee Savings Banks Bill, committee stages.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line (0254-53272) between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) –	°C
Crans-Montana	40	140	good	heavy	fair	sun	0
Good skiing upper slopes							
Courmayeur	150	375	good	fair	fair	fine	-2
Slopes good high							
Flaine	120	340	good	varied	good	sun	-7
Good skiing everywhere							
Gstaad	30	95	good	varied	fair	sun	-5
Good skiing on piste							
Les Arcs	70	280	good	varied	good	fine	-2
Fabulous sunny skiing							
Megève	50	190	good	varied	good	fine	3
Powder on north facing slopes							
Verbier	50	190	good	varied	good	fine	5
Super skiing conditions							
Wengen	40	120	good	powder	good	fine	0
Good skiing everywhere							

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain representatives, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. Other snow reports page 28

Weather forecast

A trough of low pressure will become slow-moving over S and central areas with an associated depression near SW England.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S England: Some snow at first, turning to rain, becoming brighter; wind SE fresh or strong; max temp 6C (43F).

East Anglia, Midlands, E, NW, central N England, N Wales, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Sleet or snow at times perhaps turning to rain; wind SE fresh or strong; max temp 4C (39F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Sunny intervals and showers, heavy and prolonged at times; wind S fresh locally strong; max temp 6C (48F).

Lake District, NE England, SW Scotland: Cloudy, periods of sleet or snow; wind E fresh or strong; max temp 4C (39F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, outbreaks of sleet or snow; wind E fresh; max temp 4C (39F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Rather cloudy, occasional light sleet or snow; wind NE moderate or fresh; max temp 4C (39F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain or snow, also some brighter periods; cold with widespread night frost.

SEA PASSAGES: S. North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SE strong or gale, occassional sleet; visibility moderate or poor; sea rough or very rough. English Channel (E): Wind mainly S strong or gale, sleet then rain showers; visibility moderate or poor becoming good; sea rough or very rough. St George's Channel: Wind mainly S strong to gale occasional severe gale, sleet then showers; visibility moderate or poor becoming good; sea rough or very rough. Irish Sea: Wind SE strong to gale occasionally severe gale, occasional sleet; visibility moderate or poor; sea rough or very rough.

Sun rises: 6.01 am Sun sets: 6.15 pm
Moon rises: 6.28 am Moon sets: 6.15 pm
New Moon: 11.59 am.

Lighting-up time

London 6.45 pm to 5.29 am
Bristol 6.55 pm to 5.39 am
Edinburgh 5.59 pm to 5.40 pm
Manchester 6.54 pm to 5.37 am
Penzance 7.07 pm to 5.51 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	f	3	37	Guernsey	s	3	37
Birmingham	c	2	28	Inverness	f	3	37
Blackpool	s	3	37	Jersey	s	3	37
Bristol	f	3	37	London	f	1	34
Cardiff	s	4	39	Manchester	c	3	37
Edinburgh	c	4	39	Newcastle	c	3	37
Glasgow	f	5	41	Ronaldsway	f	3	37

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 5 am to 8 pm, 4C (39F); min 8 pm to 8 am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 8 pm, 56 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.00in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 5.5. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 995.8x millibars
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

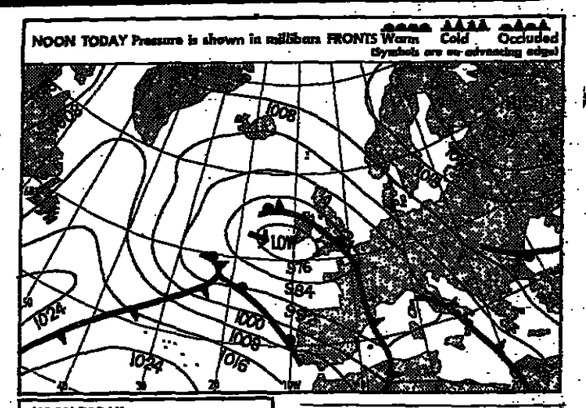
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly 8C (48F); lowest day max: Cottesmore1C (34F); highest rainfall: Isles of Scilly0.69in; highest sunshine: Stornaway 10.9hr.

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Weather

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



NOON TODAY



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM hrs	HT m	PM hrs	HT m
London Bridge	1.55	6.8	2.20	7.1
Aberdeen	1.26	4.0	1.24	4.0
Avonmouth	7.23	12.7	7.41	12.6
Belfast	11.09	3.8	11.29	3.9
Cardiff	7.08	11.8	7.26	11.7
Devonport	6.09	5.4	6.29	5.3
Dover	11.18	6.1	11.39	6.4
Falmouth	5.30	5.2	5.50	5.1
Glasgow	1.08	4.4	1.19	4.3
Harwich	–	–	12.18	3.8
Holyhead	10.26	5.4	10.47	5.2
Hull	6.35	6.9	6.34	7.4
Ilfracombe	6.08	8.8	6.24	8.7
Leith	2.49	5.2	2.55	5.3
Liverpool	11.25	9.2	11.44	8.9
Lowestoft	9.52	2.2	9.42	2.3
Margate	12.01	4.4	12.26	4.5
Milford Haven	6.24	6.8	6.39	6.7
Newquay	5.14	6.8	5.29	6.7
Oban	5.54	3.9	6.11	3.7
Penzance	4.55	5.5	5.15	5.4
Portland	7 11	2.1	7.37	2.3
Portsmouth	11.33	4.4	11.57	4.5
Shoreham	11.22	5.9	11.43	6.1
Southampton	11.06	4.2	11 30	4.4
Swansea	6.35	9.1	6.56	9.0
Tees	3.53	5.0	3.55	5.0
Walton-on-Naze	–	–	12.03	4.0

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain m	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	–	.14	3	37	Dull
Bridlington	–	.14	3	37	Cloudy
Cromer	1.2	.08	3	37	Sleet
Lowestoft	1.9	.08	3	37	Snow am
Clacton	4.1	.02	4	39	Sunny pm
Margate	–	.30	3	37	Snow am
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	4.2	.04	4	39	Bright pm
Hastings	6.9	.01	5	41	Snow pm
Eastbourne	8.7	–	4	39	Sunny
Brighton	–	–	3	37	Sunny am
Worthing	7.8	–	4	39	Sunny
Littlehmptn	–	–	–	–	–
Bognor R	8.7	–	4	39	Sunny
Southsea	9.1	–	5	41	Sunny
Sandown	8.4	–	6	43	Sunny
Shanklin	8.0	–	5	41	Sunny
Bournemth	6.6	–	5	41	Bright
Poole	5.9	–	5	41	Sunny am
Swanage	6.5	–	5	41	Cloudy pm
Weymouth	5.2	–	5	41	Bright
Exmouth	0.9	.01	5	41	Snow
Teignmouth	2.5	.04	5	41	Rain pm
Torquay	2.5	.01	6	43	Rain pm
Falmouth	0.6	.26	6	43	Rain pm
Penzance	–	.65	7	46	Rain
Jersey	7.2	–	6	43	Sunny
Guernsey	6.4	–	6	43	Sunny am
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	–	.69	8	46	Rain
Newquay	1.4	.29	6	43	Rain pm
Ilfracombe	5.7	–	6	43	Snow pm
Tenby	–	.04	5	41	Cloudy
Colwyn Bay	5.7	–	5	41	Sunny
Southport	8.0	–	3	37	Sunny
Morecambe	8.2	–	5	41	Sunny
Douglas	8.8	–	4	39	Sunny pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	6.5	–	4	39	Sunny pm
B'ham (Airpt)	2.2	–	2	36	Snow am
Bristol (Ctrl)	6.7	–	5	41	Sunny am
Cardiff (Ctrl)	5.2	–	4	39	Sunny am
Anglesey	8.0	–	6	43	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	8.3	–	4	39	Bright
Manchester	7.1	–	4	39	Sunny
Nottingham	3.8	–	4	39	Bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	0.6	.07	3	37	Snow am
Carlisle	4.8	–	6	43	Snow am
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	1.3	.01	2	36	Snow
Prestwick	8.3	–	6	43	Sunny
Glasgow	6.3	–	6	43	Bright
Tiree	6.7	–	5	41	Bright
Stornoway	10.8	–	6	43	Sunny
Lerwick	0.1	.13	5	41	Hail
Wick	–	.02	4	39	Hail
Kinloss	2.7	–	5	41	Bright
Aberdeen	–	.11	3	37	Snow
St. Andrews	0.5	.07	3	37	Rain pm
Edinburgh	3.3	–	5	41	Bright am
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	4.9	–	5	41	Sunny am

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	f	9	48	Cologne	c	3	37	Majorca	f	9	48	Rome	r	10	50
Alicante	c	16	61	Copenhgn	c	1	34	Malaga	c	16	61	Salzburg	s	5	41
Alexandria*	f	26	79	Corfu	s	12	54	Malta	s	17	63	Sao Paulo*	c	24	75
Algiers	f	9	48	Dublin	f	4	39	Melbourne	s	27	81	S Francisco*	c	13	55
Amsterdam	sn	2	36	Dubrovnik	f	13	55	Mexico C*	f	23	73	Santiago*	s	24	75
Athens	s	15	59	Faro	f	18	61	Miami*	f	22	72	Seoul	c	15	59
Bahrain	s	25	77	Florence	f	12	54	Milan	s	10	50	Singapore	t	–	–
Barbados*	c	28	79	Frankfurt	c	3	37	Montreal*	s	4	39	Stockholm	c	0	32
Barcelona	d	8	46	Funchal	s	19	66	Moscow	c	-2	28	Strasbourg	c	-1	30
Beirut	s	18	64	Geneva	f	2	36	Munich	s	6	43	Sydney	f	25	77
Belgrade	c	6	43	Gibraltar*	f	16	61	Nairobi*	f	26	79	Tangier	s	14	57
Berlin	c	3	37	Helsinki	c	1	34	Naples	r	11	52	Tel Aviv	s	16	61
Bermuda*	s	17	63	Hong Kong	c	20	68	New Delhi	s	26	79	Tenerife	s	21	70
Biarritz	s	9	48	Innsbruck	s	7	45	New York*	s	6	43	Tokyo	f	11	52
Bologne	sn	1	34	Istanbul	f	5	41	Nice	c	12	54	Toronto*	s	5	41
Bordeaux	s	7	45	Jeddah	s	33	91	Oslo	c	0	32	Tunis	c	17	63
Brussels	c	2	36	Jo'burg*	f	25	77	Paris	f	3	37	Valencia	f	17	63
Budapest	r	9	48	Karachi	s	30	86	Peking	s	13	55	Vancouver*	c	8	46
Buen Aires	s	22	72	Las Palmas	f	20	68	Perth	s	29	84	Venice	c	9	48
Cairo	s	21	70	Lisbon	r	12	54	Prague	sn	1	34	Vienna	f	2	36
Cape Tn	s	22	72	Locarno	f	9	48	Reykjavik	f	5	41	Warsaw	c	4	39
C'blanca*	c	17	63	L Angeles*	s	14	57	Rhodes	s	15	59	Washington*	s	6	43
Chicago*	f	14	57	Lucerne	c	1	34	Riyadh	r	24	75	Wellington*	s	12	54
Ch'church*	s	12	54	Madrid	f	11	52	Rio de Jan	t	27	81	Zurich	s	1	34

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

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THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Many of the job advertisements on these pages are for engineering graduates and people to work in the computer and electronics fields. Those applying for them are fortunate. They just happen to have some of the most sought-after skills in Britain today.

For the past three years at least, 90 per cent of graduates in electrics, electronics and information technology have found jobs in their own disciplines. There is a national shortage of 1500 graduate engineers in information technology at this moment, and in two or three years' time the shortage will be nearer 5,000.

Yet how many older people already trained in related areas will think of retraining in electronics? And how many companies will encourage them?

But what about our overseas competitors? In Japan the total number of engineering graduates is nearly five times as great as in Britain. I do not want to ram Japan or Germany down employers' and everyone else's throats, but there is no doubt that among our major competitors, there is a very strong link between business success and training as shown by the recent report, *Competence and Competition*.

In order to compete in world markets as the electronics age gathers pace, Britain must take a more flexible attitude to training. Much has been said in the past about youth training but not nearly enough about adult training – about the idea of training as a continuous process throughout working life.

On Tuesday the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced what he called a "Budget for jobs". In it the Government proposed an extension and development of the Youth Training Scheme from one year to two years and also active measures which impact positively on skills and training. This further affirmation of our national commitment to a better educated and trained workforce will, I am sure, receive a general welcome.

The problem we at the Manpower Services Commission face in approaching adult training is firstly in predicting where the training demand is going to be, secondly in persuading employers of the importance to them in meeting it, and finally finding ways of helping them meet it.

Our adult training strategy covers all these points. To help predict demands, we are aiming to set up local collaborative projects, bringing together locally employers and training providers – mainly colleges of further education – to identify what local employers' problems are and how education services can help.

These projects, will be funded, jointly by the MSC and the Department of Education and Science. Some are already up and running. For instance, in Reading major employers, the college of technology and the MSC are working together to analyse and identify what retraining of adults will be needed to cope with the new generation of microprocessors.

In the West Midlands, several colleges are getting together with firms to talk about what training is needed in foreign languages to help with export sales.

Persuading employers of the benefits of training is sometimes more difficult. Research done for the MSC last year showed that individuals tended to say, "I did my training years ago", as if training was like the measles – you caught it only once.



Training is vital to the success of business in today's world, says Bryan Nicholson, chairman of Manpower Services

And employers would respond, "Training? Oh yes, old What's His Name deals with that . . . I think", as if training was somehow not important enough for line managers. In fact it should be on the agenda of board meetings and in every manager's job description.

So the MSC has begun a publicity drive, Focus on Adult Training, to urge employers, trainers, unions and individuals to bring adult training to the fore front of the drive for recovery. We shall be taking the lead in organizing conferences, workshops and seminars around the country to emphasize this message. A special leaflet and an Adult Training emblem have been produced to identify the campaign.

To back up our message, research has already started into the link between business success and training. Results so far show that there is a very positive connection between high-performing companies and investment in adult training. Further work is now being done to investigate the nature of this link, taking a selection of case studies.

Information about training will also be improved at our regional offices, which are aiming to set up contact points where they can act as a kind of training broker. The idea is to match individuals' needs with those of employers and both with the availability of training at local colleges.

I cannot stress enough that the onus in initiating adult training lies with employers. But the MSC is not just standing on the sidelines shouting encouragement. We do provide financial help in various forms to make training easier and more attractive to companies..

The money for job-related adult training comes in two forms:

- Grants to employers locally
- National grants to help train employees in nationally identified priority skills or in skills where training is best organized nationally.

Locally, employers can get £25 per trainee, for every training day, under two programmes – the Recruitment and Training Package aimed at helping firms recruit for hard-to-fill vacancies and the Local Grant Aid scheme for updating, upgrading or broadening employees' skills in key areas. The MSC also offers grants, mainly to small firms, to bring in consultants to advise on training needs.

One feature of modern training which should not be overlooked is open learning. You don't have to send people away for weeks on end to train them. They can learn through Open Tech, the MSC-funded open learning scheme, run by colleges of further education and employers, or similar projects developed independently by colleges.

Open Tech is a pump-priming scheme and most of the finance available is now used up. But it shows how much easier it is for many employees to update their skills working with properly prepared learning materials at home or at work, rather than having to go back to the classroom. Employers should talk to their local colleges and find out what they can provide. You might be surprised at the flexibility of modern teaching.

Another source of advice on retraining is the Professional and Executive Recruitment, an MSC employment service specializing in advising and placing people in this type of job and providing recruitment consultancy to employers.

The MSC helps in all these ways. But without management in industry taking the initiative, we can do very little.

We rely on line managers to identify training needs. Do not leave it only to the personnel officers. They cannot tell if someone needs instruction. They cannot be expected to spot all training gaps.

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Applicants should be graduates with a first or second class degree and a particular leaning towards financial matters, possibly crystallised in an MBA. Some experience of the commercial world, ideally in a retail oriented environment is essential and personal qualities must include the ability to work alone and to present forceful and well documented arguments for proposed changes in policy. The preferred age range is 27 to 33.

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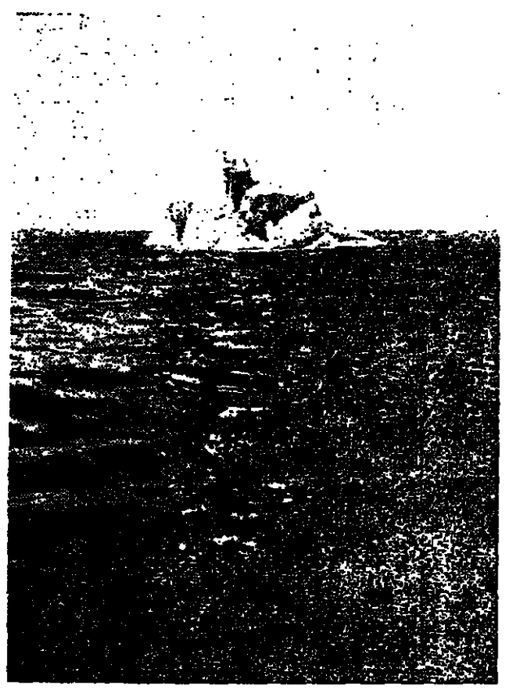
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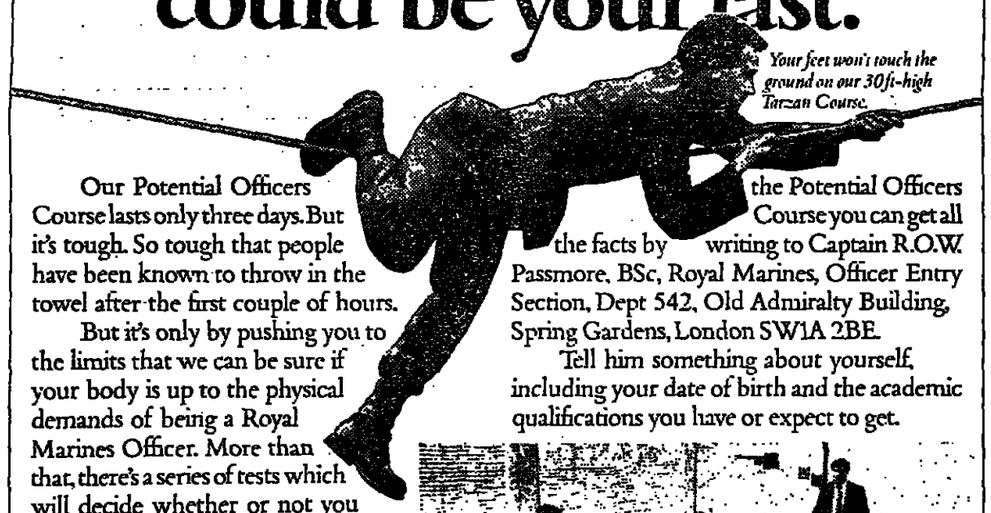
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The initial response to our products has been overwhelming and, due to our rapid expansion, we are now looking for two senior managers who will be based at our Head Office in Tunbridge Wells.

PROJECT MANAGER

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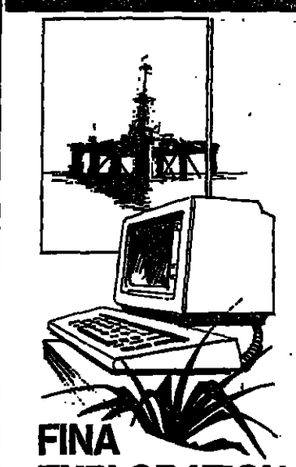
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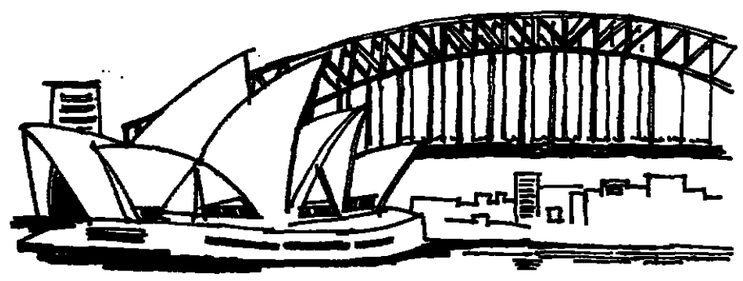
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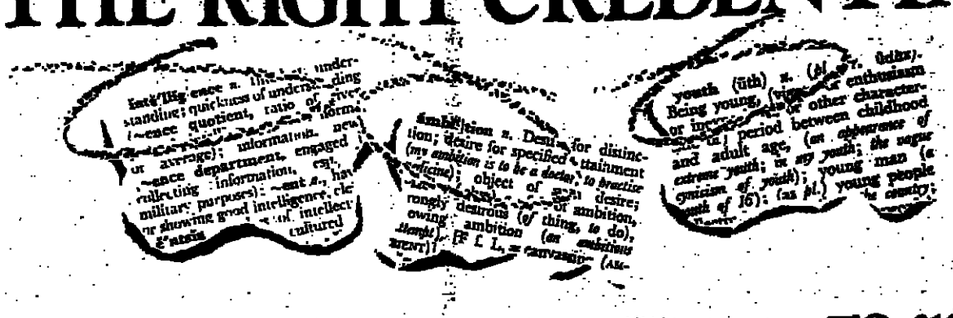
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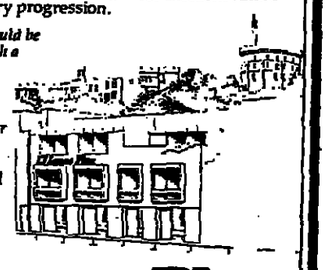
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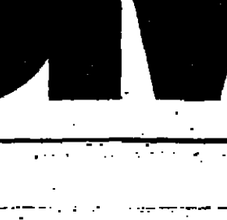
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The Times guide to career choice

More jobs for the top people

Boom in recruitment advertisements shows the trend, says Philip Schofield

Recruitment is running at a higher level than at the corresponding time last year but is now showing signs of hesitancy.

The seasonally adjusted number of vacancies flowing through job centres in the three months ending in February, the best single indicator of current overall trends, was up by more than 6 per cent on the corresponding period last year. However, the trend has been downward since the year end.

In February the amount of recruitment advertising in the main national newspapers was up by just over 13 per cent. But this overall average increase conceals substantial variations.

A third of the newspapers showed falls of up to 31 per cent. The "quality" Sunday newspapers collectively lost more than 6 per cent, only *The Sunday Times* achieving a small growth. The quality daily newspapers were up by just over 21 per cent, boosted by the 138 per cent growth in *The Times*.

Recruitment advertising in the "popular" press increased by almost 12 per cent and that in London's *The Standard* by 6 per cent.

If we contrast the overall recruitment advertising figures in the populars and qualities, we find that the qualities have roughly double the rate growth. This is consistent with the pattern throughout the whole of last year, and suggests that the demand from recruiters for management, professional and technical skills continues to run at a much higher level than for lesser skills.

However, further confusion is added by the changing pattern of vacancies being advertised in PER's weekly jobs newpaper *Executive Post*. In January the numbers of vacancies was more than 32 per cent up on the previous year, but in February this growth fell to 1 per cent.

The most pessimistic view of recent trends in the market for management skills comes from HAY-MSL. The MSL Index for the last quarter of 1984, based on an analysis of management vacancies advertised in five national newspapers and *The Economist*, shows a 9 per cent fall on the preceding quarter and a drop of 16 per cent on the first quarter of the year.

Expressed in these terms, however, the index makes no allowance for the substantial seasonal variations in demand. Compared with the corresponding period of 1983, the index recorded a growth of almost 4 per cent and stood at the highest level for many years.

The modest 4 per cent growth for the final quarter noted by the index is markedly below the increase of more than 20 per cent in recruitment advertising in all seven quality newspapers during the same quarter.

Demand, according to the HAY-MSL Index, remains relatively high against earlier years, but this is largely the result of skill shortages in a few specialist sectors such as high technology. Contrasting the final quarters of 1984 and 1983, it shows a 10 per cent increase for computer staff and a 4 per cent gain for accountancy and finance. On the other hand, personnel has fallen 13 per cent, production 11 per cent and marketing and sales 7 per cent.

National newspaper advertising is not necessarily the best indicator of demand for management skills. An increasing proportion of senior vacancies is now handled by search. Recruiters are also making growing use of professional journals.

Thus, for example, in the period in which the HAY-MSL Index recorded a 13 per cent fall in personnel vacancies, the three leading personnel journals collectively increased their recruitment advertising by 38 per cent. In the first two months of this year they have continued to show a 27 per cent increase on 1984.

Although current trends are uncertain, there is little doubt that the recruitment market is approaching a downturn. This is apparent from the falling flow of vacancies into job centres and the slowing rate of advertising increase in the national newspapers.

Garry Long, deputy chairman of HAY-MSL, said of the index findings: "The main problem is that executive demand appears to move in a regular pattern, two and a half years up and two and a half years down. Unless it can be maintained by artificial means, the graph now seems ready to move inexorably downwards."

NEWSROUND

The organizers of last year's successful employment fair *JOB 84* are putting on three further job exhibitions in 1985 to bring together employers and job-hunters.

The job fairs will be at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, from April 25 to 27, and at the Wembley Conference Centre from May 8 to 11 and from November 20 to 25. Admission is free, and job-hunters will have the opportunity to shop around for vacancies in a bustling, informal atmosphere. There will also be advice on training, education and job-hunting.

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Simon Walsh writes: The business of running a business should be part of the school curriculum, according to the Businesswoman of the Year for 1985, Anita Roddick. Ms Roddick, the founder and managing director of the Bodyshop chain of skin care outlets, believes schools should be taking a more active part in encouraging entrepreneurship among their pupils.

At the award-winning ceremony in London last week, she told *Newsround*: "The attitude of schools is almost totally negative – there is nothing happening. Many of the great entrepreneurs did not have university backgrounds. They were streetwise, and many schoolkids are also streetwise.

"In Brighton recently, the kids got together and started washing cars by hand when the local car wash broke down. It was hard work, but showed good business sense."

Ms Roddick is active in schemes run by banks to encourage young enterprise, and often speaks to school pupils on the subject. "The intelligence to survive, and work out where the consumer demand lies is there", she concluded. "All we need is a curriculum to present relevant information in a logical manner."

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